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At Least 60% Must Vote In Referendum

FRENCH LAY DOWN A CONDITION

India Not Inclined To Agree To Proposal

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (UP I).

AT least sixty percent of the total number of voters must record their votes in the referendum proposed to be held for determining the future of the four remaining French Indian settlements.

This is understood to be one of the conditions laid down by the French Government in the course of a memorandum sent to the Government of India containing its suggestions about the procedure to be adopted regarding the forthcoming referendum.

The French Government is understood to have stated that the result of the proposed referendum should not be considered as decisive unless at least 60 per cent of the voters participated in the referendum to indicate their interest in the issue involved.

Although the Government of India have not yet formally communicated their views on this point to the French Government, it is believed in informed circles that they are unlikely to entertain this proposal. It is pointed out that in any election generally, the voting recorded has not exceeded 40 per cent, that as such it could not be expected that the polls in the forthcoming referendum would show a big leap to reach the minimum of 60 per cent as insisted upon by the French Government.

REFERENDUM IN FRENCH INDIA

No Decision Yet On Exact Time

MADRAS, Dec. 9 (PTI)—Mr. Rashid Ali Baig, India's Consul-General in Pondicherry, who arrived here on a private visit, stated that no decision had yet been taken as to when exactly the referendum was to take place in the four French settlements in South India.

He, however, expected that the present discussions between the Indian and French Governments over the question of modality would be soon concluded so that they could have the referendum in March next, if not earlier.

The present electoral rolls in the French India, he said, would have to be revised on the basis of adult franchise. He hoped that this would be done under the supervision of the neutral observers to be appointed in agreement between the French and the Indian Governments.

Mr. Baig believed that there would be altogether 12 neutral observers including some Asians. Though the agreement had been reached on the names of the majority of the observers, a few names yet remained to be decided, and that was holding up the referendum, he said.

JERUSALEM CITY'S FUTURE

Britain's Firm Stand

FLUSHING MEADOW, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter): Britain today told the United Nations categorically that it would take no part in implementing any measures for Jerusalem which were not acceptable by both Arabs and Jews.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) declared before the General Assembly that his Government maintained the attitude which it had constantly held since 1947.

The Assembly was beginning the last lap of the debate on a proposal to place Jerusalem under an international regime.

Both Israel and Jordan, the parties concerned, have declared that they would not accept such a regime.

Villagers of Belampur fought three dacoits and caught them after a chase, according to reports reaching Rajkot on Friday. The people said the dacoits had come to raid the village.

NO RICE IMPORTS NEXT YEAR

Food Self-Sufficiency Plan In Action

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI)—Plans for attaining self-sufficiency in food by the end of 1951 have already been put into execution, Food Ministry sources said here today.

All the provinces and states have undertaken to work out the self-sufficiency plan and have accepted its full implications that there will be no foodgrain imports after 1951. The provinces have agreed to review every six months the figures in the basic plan for the three years 1950-52, which were to be considered as tentative.

According to these sources, in the current year procurement has already exceeded 37-lakh tons and for 1950 it is expected to be even more than 50-lakh tons.

Arrangements are under way to secure all the grain requirements during 1950 without spending any dollar exchange.

As regards the fall in rice imports from Burma, it is stated that India has decided not to import any rice for distribution to deficit areas from next year onwards and that the gradual reduction in rice imports is a deliberate policy of the Government.

NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI)—Mr. P.S Krishnaswamy, Secretary, Civil Supplies Department, West Bengal, has been appointed Director General of Food, Government of India in place of Mr. K. K. Menon, the present incumbent, who is retiring, it is learnt here.

Mr. Krishnaswamy will leave for Delhi by the middle of this month to resume his duties on January 4 next.

Aid To Burma: First Instalment

RANGOON, Dec. 9 (UPI)—The first instalment of financial aid to the extent of Rs. 35 crores from the Commonwealth countries is expected by Burma early in January next.

NAGPUR, Dec. 9 (UPI): A record enrolment of over 6,00,000 primary Congress members has been made from the 17 talukas of the four districts of the Nagpur Province.

The Government of Madras appointed a partition council as suggested in the Government of India's communication in connection with the formation of the Andhra Province. Photo shows: (Left to right): Mr. N. Sanjeeva Reddi, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, Mr. T. Prakasam, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja (Chairman) and Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam.

Partition Council

Decline In India's Dollar Earnings

RESULT OF MAN-MADE RECESSION IN U.S.A.

BOMBAY, Friday.

INDIA'S dollar earnings registered a fall to the extent of about a million and half dollars in October, 1949, the first full post-devaluation month, over September's exports, although there was an increase of Rs. 3 crores in exports to hard currency countries, learns the United Press of India here today.

The rise in India's exports to the hard currency countries by Rs. 3 crores following devaluation, writes the U.P.I. City Editor, cannot be taken as a proof of increase in dollar earnings since 100 dollars are now equal to Rs. 478 against Rs. 330. India's exports in October to the hard currency countries amounted to Rs. 10.5 crores, which, when converted at the present post-devaluation exchange rate of 4.72 1/2 would yield approximately 22,222,222 dollars. Exports in September were valued at Rs. 7.8 crores, which when converted at the pre-devaluation exchange rate of 3.30 would yield approximately 23,636,364 dollars.

It would, therefore, be clear that there was a dimunition in dollar earnings to the extent of 1,414,142 dollars in the month of October 1949 as compared to the previous month. Expectations of large dollar earnings as a result of devaluation, it is pointed out here, have not, therefore, apparently materialised as yet.

Similarly, in the case of U.K., the first complete month of October showed a noteworthy increase in the sterling value of British goods to the U.S.A., but their dollar value, which really mattered from the all-important point of view of the dollar gap, indicated a decline.

CAUSE

The decline in dollar earnings in the case of India, U.K. and various other members of the sterling area despite devaluation is not due as much to less exports or exchange adjustments, but to a tendency gradually manifesting amongst the American importers to quote low rates for wares of the sterling area as compared to the pre-devaluation prices.

This man-made recession in the U.S.A., when exporters in India and other countries in the sterling area are bracing themselves to a really "supreme" effort to increase sales to the dollar area, it is stated here, will knock the bottom out of their efforts to increase their dollar earnings unless suitable efforts are not taken immediately to prevent a fall in the American prices.

ONLY REMEDY

The only remedy which it is considered here would be most effective in arresting and reversing the decline in American prices will be an increase in the American buying price of gold, preferably in conjunction with an all-round increase by all countries represented on the International Monetary Fund.

The belief held by the U.S. authorities that a higher dollar price of gold will benefit the Soviet Union which is the second largest producer of gold it is argued here, is baseless since whatever advantage that may accrue to Russia as a result of higher price of gold exports will be offset by increased prices that she will have to pay for her imports of raw material from the dollar and sterling areas. Russia, on the contrary, it is pointed out, derives now full benefit of the fall in American prices by paying less for Malaya rubber, Australian wool and non-ferrous metals.

IMPORT DUTY ON FOREIGN COTTON

Millowners' Body Urges Removal

COIMBATORE, Dec. 9 (PTI)—The South Indian Millowners Association has urged the Central Government to remove import duty on foreign cotton and the excise duty on cloth to keep the Indian cotton mills going.

In a ylengthy communication to the Government of India, the Association points out that with the gradual decline in the production of Indian cotton crop in the last few years and with no prospects of immediate availability of Pakistan cotton, Indian mills have been forced to meet this "acute" shortage elsewhere They suggest that mills must be encouraged to switch on to fine counts using Egyptian and African cotton. The ceiling price of yarn spun out of such cotton should be suitably adjusted to the increased cost of the raw materials in foreign countries. Mills also be given facilities to acquire cotton at reasonable prices

The Turkish Seaways Administration decided to buy 53 ships, including two large liners, with money from Marshall Aid credits, it was reported on Friday. Other ships include four small steamers, and eight coasting vessels.

A Great Shining Ideal

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI).

MRS. HANSA MEHTA, Indian delegate on the Human Rights Commission, on the occasion of the first anniversary tomorrow of the passage and proclamation of the Declaration of Human Rights, in a message says:

"It is a declaration which sets a big ideal for the civilized nations to follow, and as such it is a great document.

"Ideals equally great have been placed before the world before now. If the world is not the wiser for them the reason in the first place is that people are ignorant of them; and secondly that they have not been implemented in actual conduct. It is, therefore, very essential that the Declaration be explained to the people; and secondly that the human rights as defined in it be implemented by the states who have signed the declaration.

"The problem of implementation is now before the Human Rights Commission. I hope that the proposals for implementation will also meet with the same ready approval by the General Assembly."

Complaint From Kidwai

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 9.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Communication Minister, drove in a car late in wintry night and caught telephone operators who were sleeping.

It is reported that he asked the telephone operators to write a complaint from "Rafi Ahmed Kidwai."

The Minister had received complaints that after 11 p.m. the telephone operator went to sleep and that it was difficult to get connections. The Minister motored one bleak night to Allahabad from some place and stayed here, for two hours, and surprised the sleeping operators. Things have improved considerably since then.

10 RUSSIANS SENTENCED

Yugoslavia Trial

SARAJEVO, Dec. 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter). Prison sentences ranging from three to 20 years were passed by the district court here today on 10 White Russians accused of spying for the Soviet Union.

Six of the defendants, all Soviet citizens, were found guilty of collaborating with the enemy during the war.

All the sentences carry hard labour with them. It is understood all the accused will appeal.

TRY TO CONVINCE HIGH COMMAND

Premier Kher's Advice To Kannadigas

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 8.

"IT IS NOT FAIR on the part of Karnatak to ask for a separate province for herself alone. In my opinion, this question should be decided in a conciliatory manner between Karnatak, Maharashtra and Gujerat," observed Mr. B. G. Kher, Bombay Premier, when interviewed here on the question of Kannadigas' resignations.

Mr. Kher further said: "I have still not received the resignation of Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture. In fact they have only asked for the A.I.C.C.'s permission to resign from the Assembly.

"I have advised those who have resigned," Mr. Kher added, "that Karnatak should send a deputation to state their case before and try to convince the Congress Working Committee."

REPRESENTATION TO SARDAR

HUBLI, Dec. 9 (PTI): A representation, signed by 225 Mysore Congressmen, has been sent today to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, urging for the immediate formation of a United Karnatak Province, including Mysore, on the lines suggested in the Jawaharlal-Vallabhbhai-Pattabhi Committee's report and the enumeration of the proposed province in the new Constitution.

It was learnt from the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee that the signatories to the representation including members of the All Mysore Congress Committee and presidents and secretaries of the District and Taluq Congress Committees.

Similar representation has been sent to Sardar Patel by the President, Vice-President and ten other members of the Jaglur Town Municipal Council.

DIVISION OF ASSETS

Andhra Partition Body Meets

MADRAS Dec. 9 (PTI): At the instance of the Andhra Province Partition Committe, the Madras Partition Committee, appointed two Expert Sub-Committees of officials to submit recommendations along with necessary data for the division of assets and liabilities between the Andhra and the residuary Madras Province.

The Partition Committee, which held its second meeting here today discussed the question of division of assets and liabilities and other issues to be settled in connection with the creation of the Andhra Province and adjourned till December 21 from which date the Committee will hold sessions daily until the work is completed.

KASHMIR ISSUE DELICATE

India's Line Of Action Undecided

BOMBAY, Friday.

In view of the delicate situation obtaining in Kashmir, it was difficult to say what line of action would be taken by the Government of India in the event of a solution being suggested which was not acceptable to either one or both the parties to the dispute, declared Mr. Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General, External Affairs Ministry, Government of India, on an interview to the United Press of India today.

Mr Bajpai who arrived in Bombay from New Delhi last evening and is on his way to Lake Success to participate in the Security Council discussion on the Kashmir issue, agreed that if a stalemate were once again reached in the Kashmir talks, it would give rise to a situation which would be materially different from the one which would obtain if there were partition.

In this eventuality he stated, the whole question would have to be examined 'de novo' with a view to finding a solution satisfactory to both India and Pakistan.

TAX CONCESSIONS TO INDUSTRY

New Lease For Old Ordinance

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI)—The Government of India have promulgated an Ordinance called the Taxation Laws Amendment (Second) Ordinance to continue operation of an existing Ordinance (No. 9 of June 10, 1949) which expires today, a Finance Ministry announcement said.

The provisions of the Ordinance deal mainly with tax concessions to industry which have been in force and also with certain powers and procedure of the Income-tax Investigation Commission.

The Bill to replace the Ordinance is already before the Constituent Assembly but in view of the unexpected delay in its passage, the Ordinance has been renewed with the knowledge and approval of the Assembly.

The ordinance empowers the Income Tax Investigation Commission to pardon an informer. It also grants powers to the Commission to recommend to the Government settlement with assessees whose cases may be referred to them, also power to make more than one report in any case referred to them.

TECHNICAL AID FOR LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

India's Pact With British Company Signed

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

AN agreement was signed today between the Government of India and the Locomotive Manufacturer' Company Ltd., of England, regarding technical aid for the Locomotive Manufacturing Works at Chittaranjan.

Under the agreement, which will be in force for five years, the Company will provide, besides expert advice, technicians and certain skilled supervisory staff for service at Chittaranjan Indian technicians will be trained in the locomotive manufacturing works in Great Britain and will ultimately replace the Company's staff in India. Targets of production of locomotives have also been laid down for each year.

In the beginning, locomotive parts, castings and components which at present cannot be manufactured locally will be obtained through the Company from abroad; but as production at Chittaranjan proceeds in accordance with the prescribed schedule the imports of such parts will be progressively reduced and ultimately stopped.

In consideration of the technical aid and conditional on the attainment of the annual output targets laid down the Government will place, during the currency of the agreement, orders with the Company for a total of 200 locomotives in instalments.

Work on the Chittaranjan project, according to information available here, is already in progress (adds the P.T.I.). The project when completed is designed to build about 120 steam locomotives and fifty spare boilers per year, working single shift. Together with the Tata's locomotive factory, it is expected to make India self-sufficient in locomotives.

The total estimated cost of the project is a little over fourteen crores of rupees, divided broadly as rupees eight crores and fifty lakhs for workshops and ancilliaries and rupees five crores and fifty lakhs for staff colony and welfare works. The project is expected to employ about 10,000 workers on a single shift basis.

Chittaranjan is on the East Indian Railway between Asansol and Madhopur about 17 miles from Asansol in the Burdwan District of West Bengal. It is proposed to convert it into a township to accomodate to start with 6,000 families. Provision has been made for future expansion if the need arises.

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Corrigendum to advertisement No. 50

IT IS HEREBY ANNOUNCED for general information that the last date for receipt of applications for the post of (Whole Time) Principal, Jail Training School, Lucknow, advertised on August 29, 1949, has been extended upto January 3, 1950. Application forms will be supplied, if necessary, upto December 20, 1949 on payment of Re. 1|- each.

R. P. KICHLU.
Secretary.

Dated Allahabad, December 6, 1949. 6581

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 74.

APPLICATIONS invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8 (Rs. 1/14 for Scheduled Caste candidates) 7TH JANUARY, 1950. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

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6. (a) THREE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS (ELECTRICAL) AND (b) TWO ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS (MECHANICAL), HIRAKUD DAM PROJECT, C.W.I.N.C., UNDER THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, MINES AND POWER. Central Service— Class I. Posts temporary up to February, 1952, but some are expected to be retained on permanent basis. Two posts (one under (a) and one under (b)) reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates, but if no such suitable candidates are available, the vacancies will be treated as 'unreserved.' PAY:— Rs. 350- 350- 380-380-30- 590-EB- 30- 770- 40- 850 Higher initial pay up to Rs. 500/- p.m. may be given to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. NOTE:— The pay of Engineering Officers recruited from services with Provincial Governments other than I.S.E. will be fixed according to the Ministry of Works Mines and Power letter No. DW II-3(39), dated the 21st May, 1949. In the case of I.S.E. Officers, they will be allowed their grade pay plus a special pay of Rs. 250/- p.m. AGE: Below 30 years Relaxable for Government servants. Qualfications: FOR (a): ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognised University or A.M.I.E. (India) or equivalent qualification. DESIRABLE (i) Some experience in one of the following:— (a) Design work connected with big Hydro-Electric Systems comprising Generating Stations, Grid Substations, Transmission Lines, etc. (b) Training in a large manufacturing concern in U.S.A. or U.K. etc., specialising in the design and manufacture of heavy electrical machinery and equipment connected with large power projects. (c) Construction or operation and maintenance in a large hydro power system. (ii) Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University. (iii) Post-graduate degree in Electrical Engineering. (iv) Knowledge of Oriya language. FOR (b):— ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University or A.M.I.E. (India) or equivalent qualification. DESIRABLE:— Some experience in one of the following:— (a) Maintenance and operation of a mechanical workshop machinery and equipment. (b) Maintenance and Operation of heavy machinery used in connection with large civil construction works. (c) Maintenance and Operation of tractors, heavy vehicles etc. (d) Construction or maintenance and operation of Diesel and Steam engine construction Power Houses. (ii) Degree in Electrical Engineering. (iii) Knowledge of Oriya language.

7. TWO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.. General Central Service— Cass II. Posts temporary up to 28th February, 1954. Other things benig equal, preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate for one of these two posts. PAY: Rs. 650- 30- 800. AGE: Between 25 and 45 years. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Degree of a recognised University. (ii) At least 3 years' experience in an administrative post under the Central or Provincial Government. (iii) Knowledge of rules and regulations required in Government Offices especially those relating to service conditions, budget and Accounts.

8. ONE LIBRARIAN FOR THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH LIBRARY, NEW DELHI. Central Service—Cass II. Post permanent and pensionable. Other things being equal preference will be given to a Schedued Caste candidate PAY: Rs. 275- 25- 500 Higher initial pay up to Rs 350/- p.m. may be given to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. AGE: Below 45 years. Relaxable for Government Servants. QUALIFICATIONS: ESSENTIAL — (i) A degree in Science of a recognised University with diploma in Librianship. (ii) Librianship training with knowledge of Decimal classification, cataloguing and indexing technique. (iii) At least 5 years' experience as a Librarian in a Government or other scientific Library. DESIRABLE— Knowledge of French or German. (8552)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the disposal of 10 Tons Cast Iron and 2½ Tons Brass Boring will be received by the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay, up to 19th December 1949. 6580

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited for supply and delivery of large size blue stone rubble and crushed blue stone metal for General Works, Northern Division and Railway for the period ending 31st March, 1950.

Conditions of Contract, Schedule of Quantities and Rates and Form of Tender can be obtained at the Office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 5|-.

No tender will be considered which is not made in the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 400|- as earnest money.

The earnest money will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders which are to remain open until disposed of by the Trustees will be received upto 12-00 noon (S.T.) on TUESDAY the 20th December, 1949.

CHIEF ENGINEER.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 6578

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER BANNAS RIVER

IN CONNECTION with the Kandla-Deesa Railway Construction (Metre Gauge), sealed rate tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer, B.B. & C.I. Railway, for the construction of a major bridge estimated to cost Rs. 8 lacs (for the Contractor's portion of the work) and consisting of 14 spans of 80 feet girders, over the Bannas River, at a distance of about 2 miles from Deesa Railway Station. The work will consist of construction in mass and reinforced cement concrete and sinking of foundation wells in sandy strata and building guide bunds. Steel work in girders is not included in this tender. The tenderer will have to provide his own plant for the construction and sinking of well. Steel, cement and stone aggregate will be supplied by the Railway. Tender forms and conditions can be had during office hours from the Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Byculla Club, Bombay, on payment of Rs. 10|- for each set which will not be refunded. Tenders will be received upto 15 hours on Friday, the 30th December, 1949. 6576

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition received under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (Urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider the following business, a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 15th DECEMBER, 1949, at 4 P.M. (BOMBAY TIME):— (1) Regarding the partial mechanisation of the Ticket and Cash Department of the B.E.S. & T. Undertaking: (2) Regarding amendment of the Municipal Act for requiring a retiring Municipal employee to hand over possession of Municipal quarters: (3) Regarding invitation of applications for the post of Professor of Pharmacology and Materia Medica at the Seth G. S. Medical College; (4) Regarding invitation of applications for the post of Professor of Physiology at the T. N. Medical College: and (5) Regarding the purchase of mechanical appliances for improving the collection and removal of town refuse.

By Order of
His Worship the Mayor,
C. F. D'SOUZA,
Ag. Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 9th December, 1949. 6582

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, U.P.

Advertisement No. 77

APPLICATIONS are invited from nationals of Indian Dominion subjects of States within the Indian Dominion and registered displaced persons for the award of two overseas scholarships for training as (a) Power Station Engineer and (b) Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in connection with the working of the cement plant. Period of training one year. QUALIFICATIONS (a): A degree in Engineering (Electrical or Mechanical) of a recognised University and five years experience in a responsible position in a power station with steam driven turbines: FOR (B):— A degree in Engineering (Electrical) of a recognized University and five years experience in a responsible position in any electrically operated factory. Age between 19 and (i) 40 years if already in the service of Government or of a recognized University or College or other public body and (ii) 35 years otherwise on January 1, 1949 The upper age limit will be greater by three years for Scheduled Caste candidates, and may also be relaxed in special cases. PRESCRIBED APPLICATIONS FORMS MAY BE HAD FROM THE SECRETARY DEPARTMENT NO. A77/R-4 (a) P.S.C. U.P. ALLAHABAD UPTO DECEMBER 26, 1949, AGAINST A MONEY ORDER OF RE 1/- EACH. Applications on such forms will be received UPTO JANUARY 9, 1950

Dated Allahabad, Dec. 3, 1949. (6538)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR SALE

THREE CHAWLS, situate at Nana Chowk, 6, 6AA and 7A Tardeo Road with 955 square yards leasehold land. Monthly ground rent Rs. 60/-. Monthly rent over Rs. 1,500/-. For further particulars apply to:

PATELL & EZEKIEL
Solicitors

Whiteaway Building,
Hornby Road. 6545

ELECTRIC GRID DEPARTMENT:

Operation & Maintenance Staff of the North Gujarat Electric Grid Scheme

APPLICATIONS are invited for the posts of Assistant Operators in the scale of Rs. 60-5|2-100E.B.-105-5-150 in the Electric Grid Department, Government of Bombay for the operation and maintenance of the North Gujarat Electric Grid Scheme.

Cases of higher starting pays to the deserving candidates in the sanctioned scales will be referred to Government. The candidates will in addition to pay get Dearness Allowance at the rates sanctioned by Government from time to time. The posts carry the benefit of the Contributory Provident Fund.

The candidates must possess (a) an Electrical Diploma from a technical institution or First Class Wireman's certificate and (b) a minimum experience of one year of operation and maintenance on an E. H. T. tranmission and distribution system or a first class Wireman's certificate with more than 5 years experience as operator.

The posts are temporary but likely to last for long time.

Applications giving full particulars regarding age, domicile, educational qualifications and practical experience should reach the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay, Foreshore Road, Bombay 1, on or before the 31st December 1949.

V. R. VAIDYA,
Superintending Engineer.
(Transmission) for Electrical
Commissioner with the
Government of Bombay. 6571

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 3879 of 1947.

BHIKAJI RAOJI BHIDE & Others ....Plaintiffs.

v/s

DODAPPA CHANBASAPPA BORAMANI. ... ... Defendant

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, made in the above suit and dated the 20th September, 1948, the following immoveable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honcurable Court at site at Sholapur on Friday the 16th day of December, 1949 at 1 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS.

Two pieces of land situate at Sholapur in the City of Sholapur in East Mangalwar Peth, together with the houses, outhouses, edifices, structures., walls, wells, trees, open spaces standing thereon one bearing Municipal No. 76 and City Survey No. 3150/1 measuring along South to North, on the Eastern side 73 feet 1 inch and on Western side 73 feet and from South to West on the Northern side 41 feet, 10 inch and on the Southern side 44 feet and 3 inch admeasuring 349 square yards bounded, on the East by C.S. No. 3152 on the South by lane and land mentioned below on the West by land of C.S. No 3151 and on the North by Road and the second bearing Municipal No. 74 and City Survey No 3150/2, measuring along East to West 27 feet and along North to South 21 feet and in addition the walls admeasuring 63 square yards bounded on the East by lane, on the South by portion of land of C.S. No. 3150/2, on the West by portion of land of C.S. No. 3150/2 and on the North by land of C.S No. 3151 mentioned above now amalgamated with the first piece of land described above and bearing Municipal No 76.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. GOKHALE KALE & CO., Attorneys for the plaintiffs abovenamed at No 40-44 Hamam Street Karim Chambers Fort Bombay.

Dated this 8th day of November 1949.

A. H. KIRTIKAR
Commissioner. 6577

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

IN INSOLVENCY

In. No. 58 of 1949.

Re: BHAGATSINGH SETHI, of Bombay, residing at 111, Kurla Road, Andheri, Greater Bombay .... Debtor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all proceedings herein under the Order of Adjudication, dated the 6th day of December, 1949, made against the abovenamed Debtor have been stayed till the 14th day of December, 1949 by Order of the Appeal Court made this day.

Dated this 9th day of December 1949.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL
Insolvency Registrar
High Court, Bombay.

Dated Allahabad, Dec. 3, 1949. (6583)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY AT STABLE STREET.

M/s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Manchershaw B. Chothia & Co. Attorneys for Mr. Allarkhia Jaffer Mortgagee and on account and at risk of Shahazadibai Shyamshankar Jaimangal Mortgagor, in pursuance of the power of sale in Indenture of Mortgage of 11th June '46 sell by Public Auction undermentioned immoveable property on Monday, 12th inst. at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) on premises.

All that piece of partly of freehold and partly of Newly Assessed Tenure land with dwelling house standing at Stable Street admeasuring 272 square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Nos. 10051 & C.R.R. No. 9078 New Survey No. 1/6420 and 2/6420 and C.S. No. 276 of Byculla Division and E Ward No 891 and street No. 203-205 and New Street No. 1.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. Manchershaw B. Chothia & Co. Solicitors 35 Dalal Street or to us.

AUCTION SALE OF UNDIVIDED HALF SHARE, RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT CADELL ROAD, MAHIM.

M/s GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from M/s Joshi & Co. Attorneys for Mr. Sadanand Anant Hazare &Anr. Transferees and on a/c and at risk of Heirs and Legal representatives of Mr. Kashinath Mukundji Keni (since deceased) and Anr. Mortgagors in pursuance of power of sale in 2nd Mortgage of 2-10-45 and in the Transfer of First Mortgage and Further Charge of 17-8-46 and another Further Charge of 21-10-46 sell by Public Auction undivided half share, right, title and interest of the Mortgagors in undermentioned property on Saturday 17th inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on premises.

All the undivided half share, right, title and interest of said Kashinath Mukundji Keni and Bai Bhagubai wife of said Kashinath Mukundji Keni in all that piece of Vacant land of Pension and Tax Tenure admeasuring about 8500 square yards or thereabouts at Cadell Road, Mahim bearing C.S. No. 509 of Mahim Division, New No. 3915 G Ward Nos. 4832 (1), 2, 3, 4, 5, 4833 (1), 1A, 1AA, 1B, 4838 (2), 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E Street Nos. 195A, 161 A1, 183A, 161 C, 179B, 162 133B, 179A, 162B, 167B, 167BB, 167 BC, 167 BD, 168 and 168 A respectively.

For further Particulars apply to M/s. Joshi & Co. Solicitors at All Chambers, Fort, Bombay or to us.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT 2nd CARPENTER STREET.

M/S GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from M/S Chandrasen & Co., Attorneys for Amidas Hansraj and Radhabai the Mortgagees & on a/c and at risk of Shantaram Moreshwar Mortgagor, in pursuance of power of sale under Transfer of Mortgage and further charges dated 11-12-47, sell by Public Auction on Thursday, 15-12-49 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) undermentioned immovable Property on premises.

All that piece of land of quit and Ground rent tenure with dwelling house at 2nd Carpenter Street admeasuring 238 Sq Yds. or thereabouts bearing current rent roll No. 2842 N. S. No. 5287, C. S. No. 2947 of Bhuleshwar Division, Municipal C Ward No. 6623, Street Nos. 26-28 New No 38.

For further particulars apply to M/S Chandrasen & Co., Solicitors, Fort, Bombay, or to us.

AUCTION SALE OF Silk Mill Looms, Spare Parts and One Elec. Motor of 15 H.P. etc. on Thursday, 15-12-49 at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at R. C. Church Compound, Opp Surya Cinema, Poibavdi Parel, Bombay under instructions from M/S Mohanlal Lallubhai & Co., the Owners of Kerala Rayon Products and on a/c at risk of the Party concerned the defaulting purchaser Terms:— 25 p.c. cash deposit.

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AUCTION SALE of writing tables, stool, dressing Table, dumbwaiter, cupboards, beds, chairs, book-cases, utensils, etc. on 14-12-49 at 11-30 A.M. (S.T.) at Princess Street Police Station by order of B Division Superintendent of Police. Terms cash and immediate delivery.

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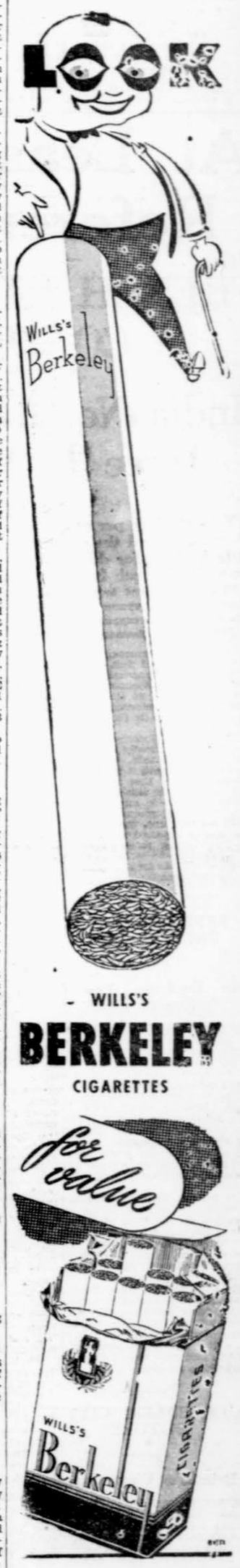
AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of J. Marshal, Esqr., and others at Babulal Mansion Chawpatty Sea face of complete household and office furniture, steel almirah inside safe, typewriter, fire proof safe, Singer foot machine, Ferrante radio, musical box, Elec. fan wall clock, dining roll top writing and dressing table show case, Chesterfield, zoonda almirah, bed, partition, gramophone etc. (S Tax) T. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.



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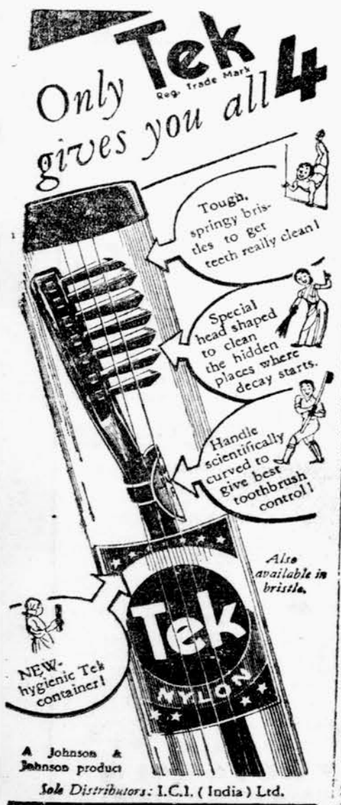
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Today's Engagements

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH: Annual gathering of Khar-Santa Cruz Harijan Sevak Sang at Gujerati Hindus Stri Mandal Santa Cruz 8-30 p. m.

P. E. N: Celebration of first anniversary of Universal declaration of Human Rights at Darbar Hall, Town Hall 6 p. m. Diwan Bahadur H. L. Kaji Mr. V. N. Bhushan and Sri Manu Subedar will speak and Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane will preside.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS OF INDA: Free demonstration of educational films on Geography—an instrument of world understanding at 91, Walkeshwar Road 7 p.m.

VEDANTA DESIGA SAMPRADAYA SABHA: Matunga Upanyasam on 'Tatva Hita Purushartham' at No. 5 G.I.P. Railway Building between Dadar-Matunga 4 p. m.

ISMAIL YUSUF COLLEGE: Second annual Rehman Memorial Inter-Collegiate Dramatic Competition at College Hall, 2 Jogeshwari on Sunday at 4-30 p. m.

BOMBAY AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: Picture 'Mirabai will be shown to members at Peoples' Hall, Congress House at 7 p. m.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION: Meeting at Badminton Court behind the Head Office of B. B. & C. I. Railway Church Gate 2 p. m. Mr. Asoka Mehta will address.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Shri Nitaidas Bhaklishastri Ragalankarji will speak on "When the Lord will never quit our heart" in English at Shri Gaudiya Math Gwalia Tank Road on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p. m.

SOCIAL WORKERS' GROUP: To observe the 40th Day of the Martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Husein, grandson of the Prophet gathering at the Group Hall 68 Ali Umer Street, Mistry Mohalla at 6-30 p. m.

SHIVAJI PARK NAGARIK SANGH: The Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagwati, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay will speak on "An Ideal Citizen of the Indian Republic" on Sunday December 11, at 6 p. m. at the Park Club Ltd. Keluskar Road North, Shivaji Park.

B. P. C. C.: A special meeting of the B.P.C.C. at Congress House at 6 p. m. to adopt the Constitution.

SERVICE BEFORE PROFIT

Minister's Advice To Transport Corpn.

BOMBAY, Friday.

"Though the Bombay State Road Transport Corporation which is being inaugurated now is expected to be run on business lines, it should not keep its eye on profits, but the interests of the people should be its sole consideration", said Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, inaugurating the Corporation at the Central Coach Building Workshop at Santa Cruz, near Bombay this evening (December 8).

It should strive to run a comfortable, regular and efficient transport service. After all, whatever profits the concern would earn would ultimately go to the public and therefore instead of concentrating on earning huge profits, it should keep in mind the interests of people, society and country, the Minister added.

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour, Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, members of the Board of the newly formed Corporation and other high officials were present on the occasion.

Mr. D. D. Sathe, Provincial Motor Transport Controller, who is Vice-Chairman of the Board, speaking on the occasion, gave a brief history of State Transport during the last 16 months and said that at present State Transport was running 600 buses covering 52,000 miles and carrying 70,000 passengers daily.

He said there was hardly any institution in India which could be compared with in point of what they were aiming to do in the field of road transport in course of the next three years. He also read out a message from Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, Government of India, received on the occasion.

Washington Post Editor Due In Bombay

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Herbert Elliston, Editor of the "Washington Post" will arrive in Bombay by a TWA plane, tonight. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Elliston.

Also arriving by the same plane is Miss Katherine Hall, Washington Correspondent of the Cleveland Press.

All the three will fly to New Delhi on Saturday morning, where they will attend the Institute of Pacific Relations Conference which will be in session from Dec. 12 to 13th.

They will return to Bombay on the 23rd inst. and leave by a TWA. plane for Rome on the 24th.

B. B. & C. I. RLY ASSURES

No Major Staff Retrenchment

BOMBAY, Friday.

"The erroneous impression appears to have gained currency that general retrenchment of staff on the B.B. & C.I. Railway is taking place. In view of the fact that there has been no diminution of either goods or passenger traffic recently, this Railway cannot dispense with the services of staff in any considerable number", says a Press Note issued by the B.B. & C.I. Railway authorities.

The Press Note adds:—"All that has been done is to review the necessity for the continuance of certain temporary appointments, most of which had been created recently and for special purposes, as occasions arose.

"It has been found in some instances that the justification for retaining these temporary appointments no longer existed, and they have, therefore, been abolished. The number of these temporary posts does not exceed 200.

"Abolition of these temporary posts has been effected by the termination of the services of re-employed retired clerks, and locally appointed substitutes. The services of a number of men appointed after selection by the Joint Service Commission in the regular manner have also had to be terminated. Most of these are clerks but adjustments are being considered to ensure that only the men with the shortest service lose employment and the men will be reinstated in other vacancies that occur normally. The number of men other than retired employees and local substitutes is not likely to exceed a hundred and it should be possible to absorb them within the next few months".

BOMBAY, Friday: During November, the Greater Bombay Police picked up 1,393 cases 1,372 under the Prohibition Act, 20 under the Opium Smoking Act, and one under the Dangerous Drugs Act. Of these, 31 ended in conviction, and 1,362 cases were pending at the end of the month.

TODAY'S RADIO

SATURDAY, Dec. 10.

BOMBAY A

244m. (1,231 kc/s) 41.444m. (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhayee (Kannad Bhajan), 7-35 Sharir Sriksha, 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram, 7-45 Sumant Vyas Bhajan, 8-0 News (E), 8-15 Laxmibai Jadhav Todi, 8-45 News (G),.

244m. (1,231 kc/s) 41.44m. (7,240 kc/s)

12-45 p.m. Instrumental music, 12-50 Sumant Vyas, Bhajan, 1-0 News (G), 1-10 Geet Aur Garba, 1-30 News (E), 1-40 Listeners' Post-Bag by Uma Anand.

244m. (1,231 kc/s), 31.41m. from 5-0 to 7-45 p.m. 41.44m. from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m. V D. Ambhalkar Shankara, 5-15 Ameer Baksh (Sarangi par Marwa), 5-30 Banuroopi, 6-0 News (E), 6-10 Clarionet Par Eman by L. K. Kunte, 6-20 Tarana, 6-30 Theory and practice of music, 7-0 Topic of Day, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Venubai Dewasthali (Pad), 7-30 H. V. Kadlur (Vocal), 7-45 Kamgar Sabha, 8-15 News (G), 8-30 As in Bombay B. 9-0 News (E), 9-15 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi), 9-30 Songs from films, 9-45 Review of films by Van Weinreb, 9-55 Anything Goes 10-0 Laxmibai Jadhav Puria.

BOMBAY B

353m. (850 kc/s) 48.79m. (6,150 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay A, 7-45 News (K), 8-0 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi), 8-15 News (H), 8-30 News (M), 8-45 V. D. Ambhalkar Pad.

353m. (850 kc/s) 31.41m.

12-45 p.m. As in Bombay A, 12-50 News (M), 1-0 Venubai Dewasthali Pad 1-10 As in Bombay A, 1-30 Geet Ane Garba, 1-40 News (H), 1-50 Composite programme (M).

353m. (850 kc/s) 41.44m. from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m. 61.98m. from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m As in Bombay A, 6-0 H V. Kadlur (Purandardas Bhajan), 6-10 News (H), 6-20 Calling Rural Listeners Marathi, 7-20 As in Bombay A, 7-30 Commercial News, 7-45 News (K), 8-0 News (M), 8-15 V. D. Amonalkar Bhavgeets, 8-30 Replies to listeners' letters, (M), 8-40 Musical Interlude, 8-45 Roopak in Marathi by Madgulkar, 9-0 Folk-songs, 9-15 News (H), 9-30 As in Bombay A.

At 8-45 p. m. on Saturday, December 10 INDIA AND THE WORLD a feature broadcast from Bombay will include a programme on the first aniversary of the universal Declaration of human Rights. This can be heard on Bombay 'A'. The scheduled feature programme in Marathi will be broadcast on Bombay 'B'.

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250m. (1,200 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. P. T. Dindorkar (Bansari) 7-40 Vyayam Shikshan Physical jerks, 7-45 Purshottam G. Shinde (Lalit), 8-0 News (E), 8-15 D. K. Pradhan Bhairavin, 8-30 Geeet Lahri, 8-45 News (G), 5-30 p.m. Variety, 6-0 News (E), 6-10 P. T. Dindorkar (Bansari), 6-20 As in Ahmedabad, 6-30 Gram Jano Mate, 7-0 Bazar, 7-15 P. T. Dindorkar, (Bansari), 7-30 D. K. Pradhan, (Pad) 7-45 Thumri Khamaj 8-0 Music, 8-30 Khyal Nayaki-Kanada and Weather, 8-15 News G, 8-30 "Khyal Nayaki-Kanada" by V. N. Potkar, 9-0 News (E), 9-15 "Navlakhi Vav", (G) 9-45 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD

326.1m. (920 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Nam Smaran, 8-30 Vasundhara Desai, 8-45 News (G), 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda, 6-0 News (E), 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-20 Vasundhara Desai, 6-30 Majoor Bhaio Mate, 7-0 Balashankerni Ghazalo, 7-15 As in Baroda, 7-30 Filmi Geeto, 7-45 Replies to listeners' letters, 8-0 Manilal Rachit Ghazalo, 8-10 Locals, 8-15 News (G), 8-30 As in Baroda, 9-0 News (E), 9-15 As in Baroda, 9-45 Vasundhara Desai.

OFF TO LAKE SUCCESS

Mr. Girjashanker Bajpai, Secreary-General of the External Affairs Department, Government of India and Mr. D. P. Dhar, Deputy Home Minister, Government of Kashmir left by air for Lake Success to participate in the Security Council discussion on Kashmir.

SCHEME TO ABOLISH ADIWASI EXPLOITATION

Good Work Of Co-operatives

BOMBAY, Friday.

In his first press conference since he took office, Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Development, Government of Bombay, stated that a scheme to organise co-operative societies of the Adiwasis with the help of social workers and to hand over "coupes" to them at concessional prices, had already been worked upon with appreciable results.

The object underlying the scheme was not only that the Adiwasi labourers should get full wages and profits, with the help of the social workers, but also that they should be gradually trained to take up the responsibilities of conducting transactions involving lakhs by their collective efforts.

He said that these co-operatives were not only for coupe-working but also for agricultural and other pursuits and were to be training grounds for their all-round advancement.

The Minister revealed that the total population of the backward classes in the Province including the merged areas, was 75 lakhs of whom 25 lakhs were aboriginals or Adiwasis. Most of the latter lived on hilly tracts and jungle areas and were cut off from contact with the outside world, as there were no roads and means of communications at their disposal.

WELFARE MEASURES

Government had embarked on a number of welfare measures for the benefit of these men and women. Among them were the experiment of introducing compulsory primary education wherever there were even 10 or 20 huts; selection of jungle areas for starting Sarvodaya Kendras and the fixation by statute of a minimum wage of Rs. 1/4 per day per labourer.

Many of these men and women were working on Government forests under private contractors. Forest industry was one of the largest industries in the Province as the areas of the forests in the Province was 13,000 sq. miles and with recent mergers 18 to 20 thousand. The forest revenue of the Province amounted to about Rs. two crores annually.

The "coupes" in the forests—areas admeasuring between 60 to 100 acres—were annually sold to contractors. But, now Government proposed to do away with the middle men as soon as possible, and entrust this work to the Adiwasis themselves. With this view they had encouraged the growth of co-operatives among the Adiwasis and at present there were 75 such. Trained social workers, with lifelong association with the Adiwasis were associated with them.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

These 75 societies, the Minister disclosed were at present operating 95 coupes, and Government had sold the coupes to them at "upset prices" and not the open auction prices. The progress made by these societies had been so encouraging, that there were now more demands from the jungle folk for more such societies and for more allotment of forest coupes.

The Minister revealed that 4 to 500 social workers were working among these people and that the Co-operative Societies had become the centres of various activities—educational, cultural and social. Government had also decided to allot local public works' contracts like road building, the construction of tanks and wells and similar work to these societies.

A conference of these societies will meet at the Council Hall on Saturday and Sunday to discuss common problems.

Forest Labourers' Co-ops

BOMBAY, Friday: The second conference of Forest Labourers' Co-operative Societies will be held in Bombay in the Council Hall on December 10 and 11. The conference will be inaugurated by Mr. V. L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, and presided over by Mr. J. C. Kumarappa.

Entertainment programmes for the delegates and guests will be organised on Saturday and Sunday nights. It is also proposed to arrange an exhibition of Adivasi life in connection with the above Conference.

INTUC Reception To I.L.O. Director-General

BOMBAY, Friday

Bombay I.N.T.U. Congress has arranged reception on Sunday December 11, in connection with the visit of Mr. David A. Morse, Director General of the I.L.O.

The reception will be held at Victoria Gardens.

The Pulse Of The City

STABBED: Jalalkhan Shamshulkhan did not like the way things were going when seven people approached him as he was taking tea in a restaurant and recognised Rahimgul who was not on good terms with him, in the group. When they asked him to accompany them he hesitated. But when he left the restaurant, the group followed him and Rahimgul and his accomplices set upon him and assaulted him with sticks. One of them, it is stated, stabbed him with a clasp knife. When he fell down writhing in pain, the assailants fled from the scene. Jalalkhan was rushed to the hospital where his injuries were attended to. According to the police, there was long-standing enmity between Jalalkhan and Rahimgul since the former had filed a suit against him. The police have arrested Rahimgul, who was later let out on bail.

SUGAR STOLEN: The Railway Police detected on Thursday two cases of sugar theft. Police stated that they caught Ganeshprasad Hiralal redhanded when he was removing 35 pounds of sugar from a railway wagon stationed at Byculla, after breaking the seal. In another case, a man moving about in a suspicious manner in Shed No. 5 at Wadi Bunder was searched and a packet containing one and a half pounds of sugar was recovered from him. Both the people were remanded into police custody, pending police enquiries.

ARRESTED: The Byculla Police arrested Balakrishna Narayan Nair, driver of a motor lorry in connection with the theft of two bales of sewing thread worth Rs. 1,726. The driver was taken into custody when the lorry he was driving had made one trip with some thread and had returned for a second trip from the godown and coolies were waiting to reload it.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS: Four people were ordered to be remanded in police custody in connection with the theft of lorry wheels and an electric battery from a vehicle which the first accused was commissioned to paint. The stolen articles were valued at Rs. 1,334. Two wheels were recovered from one of the accused.

WORKING STILL: Police seized from a hut in Dharavi a working still and a large quantity of illicit liquor, Thursday. Three persons who were in attendance at the still were taken in custody.

STUDIO IN FLAMES: A spark from a faulty electric wiring set a screen-shooting stage on fire destroying property worth three lakhs before it could be brought under control by firemen who rushed from Andheri and Bombay and fought the flames for 2 hours. The place was M and T Studios, Kurla Road, Andheri; Mr. Ishwarlal, the director of a picture was "shooting" a fire scene when the tragedy occurred.

MINTING MONEY: A miniature mint that was turning out bogus eight anna coins, believed to have been put in extensive circulation, figured in the City Sessions Court when judgment was delivered sentencing Dulla Hamidulla to two and a half years' R.I. His accomplice was given eighteen months' R.I. Police reported they recovered forty such coins besides implements for making them when they raided a hut in Santa Cruz in June last. Two other persons arrested at that time for abetting the offence were acquitted.

FAINTING FIT: A prisoner praying for bail fainted at the court of Mr. H. J. Mahimtura, Presidency Magistrate. A police constable said that the accused who had been in police custody for a fortnight was subject to fainting fits.

POSTAL THEFT: A postal bag with insurance covers valued at Rs. 2,000 is reported to have been stolen from the supervisor's desk at the Dongri post office. Five people, four of them packers employed in the post office, were taken into custody by the police. They were bailed out at the court, Friday.

SURPRISED: A night watchman, it is said, surprised S. A. M. Rahim while he was in the act of breaking open a shop door at Charni Road. He was caught after a chase. Produced in court, the magistrate ordered him to be placed in police custody.

APPROVED: In the dispute between the management and the employees of the Indian Overseas Airlines, the Industrial Tribunal has approved of the agreement arrived at between the parties. According to the agreement, the employees are to get dearness allowance, leave, outstation allowance and pay scales on the same basis as those prevailing in Air India Ltd. on July 3, 1948.

RAINFALL IN EAST PUNJAB

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 9. (PTI): The following is the weather summary for Friday:—

A fairly active western disturbance lies this morning over the West Punjab and the adjoining parts of the East Punjab. It is likely to move eastwards.

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few showers in North Rajputana, South Malabar and the Darjeeling hills.

Night temperatures were appreciably above normal in the East Punjab, the South and East Deccan and the East Central Provinces.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING: Rainfall will be widespread in the hills of the East Punjab and of the West United Provinces and occur locally in the plains of the East Punjab. A few falls of rain are likely in North-East Rajputana and the plains of the West United Provinces.

Night temperatures will rise in the West United Provinces, East Rajputana and Madhya Bharat.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from December 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 a.m. I.S.T. on December 9, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 85 58 0 0 0, Akola 88 56 0 0 0, Allahabad 72 44 0 0 0, Bangalore 78 60 0 0 minus 0.1, Baroda 87 46 0 0 0, Bhopal 83 49 0 0 0, Bhuj 80 60 0 0 0, BOMBAY 85 66 0 0 0, Cherrapunji 61 45 0 0 0, Darjeeling 45 36 0.1 0.1 minus 0.1, Dehra-Dun 68 49 0 0 minus 0.1, Gwalior 75 40 0 0 —, Gulbarga 87 65 0 0 0, Hanamkonda 87 66 0 0 0, Hornai 82 70 0 0 —, Honavar 88 67 0 0 0, Hyderabad (Dn.) 87 59 0 0 minus 0.1, Indore 81 47 0 0 minus 0.1, Jaipur 76 52 0 0 0, Jubbulpore 83 51 0 0 0, Kanpur 70 44 0 0 minus 0.1, Kodaikanal 61 46 0 0.1 minus 2.2, Mahableshwar 76 63 0 0 minus 0.1, Mangalore 85 69 0 0 minus 0.1, Mussoorie 52 39 0 0 minus 0.1, Mysore 82 61 0 0 minus 0.2, Ootacamund 65 40 0 0 minus 1.0, Poona 87 54 0 0 minus 0.1, Shillong 60 39 0 0.1 plus 0.1, Sholapur 89 63 0 0 minus 0.1, Simla 47 35 0 0 minus 0.2, Surat 89 56 0 0 0.

Poetry Recital In Town Hall

BOMBAY, Friday: An elderly gentleman of noble bearing, named Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, Vice-President of the Poetry Society of London, kept a large gathering entranced in the Town Hall yesterday evening, as with infinite dignity and passion he recited poems of India, America, France and Britain under the auspices of the Royal Asiatic Society.

A homely atmosphere prevailed throughout the recital, as a select Indian and foreign audience was treated to many gems of English literature. Sir Eugen also gave intimate glimpses of the culture of the four countries as revealed by their poems.

The talk was followed by a reception given by Sir Eugen in the reference room of the library. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dongerkerry, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Wadia and Prof. P. A. Wadia.

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GOVERNMENT MILK SCHEME EXPANDING

House Delivery Plans Under Examination

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE new Milk Distribution Scheme of Government in the Bombay area, at un-subsidised rates which commenced on March 1, 1947 with 498 maunds of milk per day has steadily expanded and on December 1, this year, nearly 1,930 maunds of milk per day were distributed.

The number of milk centres has increased from 229 on March 1, 1947 to 442 on December 1 this year. All the hospitals and institutions now take milk under the Government scheme. The Municipality also takes large quantities of toned milk for supply to school children.

The quantity of milk from Anand has also increased and against approximately 175 maunds on March 1, 1947, it is now nearly 900 maunds per day.

Between Anand and Bombay, approximately 700 samples of milk are tested daily to enable payments being made on quality basis and to check the quality of milk during distribution. A bacteriological section has been recently added to the laboratory to attend to proper cleaning of the containers used in the Milk Scheme, and to formulate standards of cleanliness to be adopted in purchase and distribution of milk.

Seven dairy farm units built at the Colony at Aarey have been fully occupied and there are now 3,000 cattle at the Colony. Out of 82 stables in the city area, 16 have been completely evacuated of their cattle. Other 10 units are nearing completion and will all be occupied by March 1950.

The dairy buildings will shortly be completed and early next year pasteurised and bottled milk, including toned milk, will be put on sale at the centres. The question of house delivery of milk is also under examination.

Most of the machinery for the central dairy has been received at the cclony and some is in transit. The Government has made adequate financial provision during the current year to proceed with the remaining items of construction and development work at the Milk Colony according to the original plan.

NO SECURITY IN ISOLATIONISM

H. Fisher On Revolution In U.S. Foreign Policy

BOMBAY, Friday

A revolution had taken place in American foreign policy, which had broken away from the theory of isolationism and the Monroe Doctrine since the end of the Second World War, and which was now being increasingly guided by an awareness of the fact that there could be no geographical limits to foreign policy any more han security and international justice could be attained by isolation, declared Mr. Harold H. Fisher Chairman of the Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University, California, speaking at the Bombay branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs last evening.

Mr. Fisher added that, until the end of the Second World War, American foreign policy was conditioned by the belief that European and Asiatic powers had a set of interests and aims which were totally different from those of the United States and that the security of the United States could best be maintained by refraining from what George Washington called "entangling alliance" in peace time.

ENQUIRY INTO FARM LABOUR

Intricate Job, Say Economists

BOMBAY, Friday (PTI).

The enquiry into the cost of cultivation of crops, to be undertaken by the Government of India's Labour Ministry, will be a most intricate task in the opinion of most agricultural economists, writes the P.T.I. city correspondent.

The enquiry is being undertaken, to fix the wages of agricultural labour by March 1951. The Minimum Wages Act of 1948 laid down that the minimum wage of agricultural labour must be fixed by each Provincial Government before the expiry of three years. In the case of industrial labour the period is only two years, but for agricultural labour the period has been extended in view of the administrative difficulties.

Thus, the costs of cultivation are not being worked out for the purpose of adjusting the prices of agricultural produce—though for that purpose the results will be very useful later—but for fixing the minimum wage of agricultural labour.

That perhaps explains why an enquiry essentially belonging to the realm of the Agricultural Ministry is to be conducted by the Labour Ministry. The question of determining the relationship between agricultural costs and agricultural prices is bound to come up sooner or later, and the Ministry of Agriculture will most probably step in then.

An important point to be determined in the cost will be the share of labour in it. This will vary from area to area, and from produce to produce. The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research enquiry revealed that labour accounted for about 15 per cent of the total cost of production of wheat in the Punjab, while later investigations carried out by the Indian Central Jute Committee indicated that it accounted for as much as 80 per cent of the total cost of production of jute in Bengal.

Motor Workers Dispute

BOMBAY, Friday: The Government of Bombay has referred the dispute between the G. G. Motor Union, Gokak, the Bail Hongal Motor Transport Company Ltd., Bail-Hongal, the New Central Transport Comp. Ltd. Jamkhandi the S. G. Motor Transport Company, Ltd., Sankeshwar, the N. R. Kalburgi Motor Service, Ltd., Hubli, the Karnatak Express Motor Service, Ltd., Belgaum, the Belgaum Motor Transport Company, Ltd., the National Motor Transport Company, Ltd., and the Chavan Motor Transport Company, Ltd., Belgaum, and the workmen employed by these companies for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal consisting of Mr. Salim M. Merchant.

Variety Entertainment For Rathod Fund

BOMBAY, Friday: Miss Sneha-Prabha Pradhan; Sitara, Late Mangeshkar; Geeta Roy; Shridhar Parsekar; Pannalal Ghosh; Miss and Mr. Pitale; Lalita Gouri; R. B. Pandit; and Shashikant Pradhan will be among the artistes to participate at a variety entertainment programme (in aid of Late Mavjibhai Rathod Memorial Fund) to be held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Chaupatty on Tuesday, December 13, 1949 under the Presidentship of His Excellency Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay.

Tickets ranging from Rs. 5—Rs. 25 are available at the Congress House, Grain and Oil Seeds Merchants' Association, Mandvi and Dr. Shinday's Dispensary, Chinch Bunder.

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More Refugees From Sind

BOMBAY, Friday (UPI): Pakistan's high-handedness in taking over, on one pretext or another, the property of non-Muslims in that Dominion was underlined by a large number of displaced persons, who arrived here yesterday from Karachi.

They told a representative of the U. P. I. that they had been looked upon as traitors and spies in the land of their birth. "Officials of the Pakistan Government," they stated, "took over our houses and businesses under the Evacuee Property Ordinance on the plea that we intended migrating to India. This was done in spite of the fact that we had decided to live in Pakistan as the nationals of that Dominion, and had made a declaration to that effect. In the circumstances, we had no alternative but to flee to India to seek fresh avenues of employment and live in security of life and property."

A spokesman of the Government of Bombay, commenting on the renewed exodus of non-Muslims from Western Pakistan, said that Bombay could not absorb any more displaced persons as it had already exceeded the quota fixed by the Government of India They would, however, be looked after here till such time as arrangements had been completed to send them to other provinces, he declared.

STRICTURES AGAINST MAGISTRATE

Acquittal Without Jurisdiction

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar).

Purshottam Chaturbhuj Chandriani —Applicant (Original Complainant).

vs.

V. S. C. Singhan—Opponent (Original Accused).

Observing that the procedure adopted by Mr T. S Vyas, Presidency Magistrate, was wholly erroneous and that the order of acquittal passed by him was without jurisdiction in as much as the Magistrate had arrived at his conclusion in manner laid down by law, their lordships set aside the order of acquittal passed by him in favour of the accused and sent the case back with a direction to the Chief Presidency Magistrate to place it for trial on the board of some Magistrate other than Mr Vyas.

The accused had been charged with the offence of cheating for the trial of which the law required that warrant procedure was to be followed. The trial Magistrate Mr. Vyas accordingly heard the evidence of the applicant—complainant and being of opinion that a prima facie case had been made out, he framed a charge. After the charge was framed and while the complainant was still under cross-examination, the Magistrate made an order acquitting the accused as he considered the dispute to be essentially of a civil nature.

Their Lordships observed that it was open to the Magistrate to have discharged the accused before framing the charge. But once a charge had been framed by him, it was incumbent on him to follow the procedure laid down by section 256 of the Criminal Procedure Code as an order of acquittal would only be made on merits. By the procedure followed by him, which in their lordships' opinion was wholly erroneous, the Magistrate had deprived himself of the opportunity of considering the merits because he had not allowed all the evidence to be placed before the Court.

The advocate who had appeared before the Magistrate stated from the Bar that the Magistrate had refused to hear him stating that he had already made the order of acquittal and was functus officio. The advocate further stated that the Magistrate had made the order of acquittal first and that the reasons for the order had been written out by him subsequently. Their lordships liked to call the explanation of the Magistrate on both these points. In their lordships' opinion it was incumbent on the Magistrate to deliver judgment at the time he made the final order.

Mr. V. G. Patwardhan appeared for the complainant

Mr. U. N. Chhatrapati with Mr. A.B Thakore appeared for the accused.

The Additional Assistant Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

TAX ON GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

Exemption Tokens Issued

BOMBAY, Friday: A reciprocal arrangement has been arrived at between the Governments of Bombay and Hyderabad (Deccan) for exemption of motor vehicles from obtaining permits and payment of taxes.

According to this arrangement which will come into force from January 1 next, every Government-owned vehicle intending to enter the other Government's territory will be issued with a letter of authority by the Department concerned in whose charge the vehicle is, stating therein the purpose of the journey.

Every Government vehicle will be issued with the "Exempted" tax token by the registering authority by whom it is registered. Such a vehicle should, whenever occasions arise to enter the territory of the other Government, obtain an "Exempted" token from the nearest registering authority of the other Government valid for the period for which the "Exempted" token is issued by the original registering authority. The "Exempted" token should be exhibited on the vehicle along with the other token issues by the original registering authority.

POWER TO INVESTIGATE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

Amendment Essential, Says Mr. J. J. Kapadia

BOMBAY, Friday.

IN his second lecture on the Government's proposals for amendment of the Companies' Act before the Commerce Graduates' Association yesterday, Mr. J. J. Kapadia who had already dealt with the subject of Managing Agents in his first lecture last week took up the other proposals contained in the Memorandum.

Mr. Kapadia pointed out that under Sec. 138 of the Companies' Act one-tenth of the shareholders were entitled to approach local governments for appointment of inspectors. It was however, often difficult to obtain signatures of the requisite number.

Again, the applicants had to prove bona fides and this gave a handle to the erring managements to allege motives against the applicants. Moreover, Local Governments demanded heavy deposits for the cost of investigation. All these factors had rendered the legal provisions useless and this was borne out by the fact that investigations were few and far between.

Although the Companies' Act was a contral subject it was rather strange that the Central Government had no powers of ordering investigation even in cases where there was evidence of gross mismanagement or misapplication of funds.

He particularly referred to section 165 of the English Act under which The Board of Trade was empowered to order investigation on its own initiative.

He also recalled the provisions in the Indian Banking Act empowering the Reserve Bank to conduct investigation and take action against Banking companies and said that under Clause 25 of the Insurance Bill now under discussion wide powers of investigation and action against improper acts of management had been sought to be conferred on the Controller of Insurance.

He emphasised the necessity of similar powers in industrial concerns as the most effective method of bringing to light acts of mismanagement with the minimum of delay and before evidence could be destroyed by the culprits concerned and he was glad that this aspect of the matter was fully conceded in the proposals for reform.

DIRECTORS

Dealing with the proposals relating to directors, Mr. Kapadia recalled that on the last occasion he had advocated election of directors on the principle of proportional representation by a single non-transferable vote as this was the only method to secure effective representation on behalf of shareholders on the Company's Board.

The other line of reform lay in placing responsibility on Directors and holding them liable for acts of mismanagement on the part of the executive. This would weed out guinea pigs of which there were plenty He was glad that proposals Nos. 21 and 23 were directed towards this end.

He supported the proposal against payment of taxfree remuneration to Directors, as such payment created a class of persons who considered themselves immune from increases in taxation which was socialy undesirable. Again, it had become difficult for shareholders to estimate the total remuneration paid to the persons concerned before deduction of taxes. The speaker gave concrete instances where some Managing Directors were paid tax-free remuneration and in this connection quoted with approval Section 184 of the English Act which prohibited such payment.

As to proposal No. 6 which aimed at the passing of a special resolution for all major contracts in which a Director was interested, Mr. Kapadia maintained that inefficiency and mismanagement in several concerns were to a large extend due to contracts and arrangements in which Directors were interested.

The speaker warmly welcomed the sugestion contained in proposal No. 18 for disclosure of share holdings of directors by the keeping of a Register. This was provided for by Sec. 195 of the English Act and a similar practice in the U.S.A. also. In his opinion, the proposal did not go far enough, as it did not aim at disclosure of speculative transactions of directors in the shares of their companies.

Certain persons had made it their business to go on the Boards of companies with a view to speculate in their shares on the basis of inner information available to them and this evil required to be eradicated.

As to powers of Directors, Mr. Kapadia pointed out that these were usually derived from the Articles of Association which were framed at the time of incorporation according to the wishes of promoters. This position required to be changed.

CAPITAL STRUCTURES

Referring to the proposal in respect of capital structures, Mr. Kapadia welcomed the proposal for bringing authorised, subscribed and paid-up capital in harmony with each other and pointed out that where wide gulf was kept between the authorised and subscribed capital, there was every incentive on the part of unscrupulous managements to issue Ordinary shares and offer them to holders of prfeerence shares if such shares were held by the management.

He also welcomed the proposal to regulate voting rights according to capital contribution and felt that this would go a great way in scotching the present practice of issuing deferred shares merely with a view to hand over control of the undertaking to the promoters, as also of issuing Preference shares without any voting rights whatever.

As to the proposal for regulating dividend on Deferred and Preference shares which had been the subject of considerable misgiving in the mind of the public, Mr. Kapadia felt that too much was being read in these proposals. Anyway, the Expert Committee would be able to examine the proposals in the light of the views received.

Mr Kapadia welcomed the proposal that Directors and Managing Agents should not vote on the appointment of Auditors and informed the Meeting that this suggestion was made in 1936 but was turned down. He emphasised the necessity of making auditors independent of Managing Agents and directors.

Coming to the proposals relating to Accounts, Mr. Kapadia referred to the intensive amendments made in the English Act and emphasised that these amendments once again proved that the published Accounts of companies should serve as mirrors for reflecting fully and fairly the working results and financial position of the Company.

Referring to the proposals in respect of protection of the rights of minority shareholders, the speaker referred to Sec. 210 of the English Act under which even a single shareholder had the right to go to Court if he felt that the affairs of a Company were being conducted in a manner oppressive to some of the members including himself.

This was a most valuable right and in the conditions in India when companies were changing hands and the purchasers were trying to manage them for their selfish ends, a similar provision had become indispensable. It was significant that under the English Act the Court had been given the widest powers to pass such orders as were warranted by the circumstances of the case.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION

Dealing with the proposal relating to minimum subscription Mr. Kapadia stated that one of the objects of the 1936 Amendments was to prevent establishment of mushroom companies by providing that companies should not start business without collecting sufficient capital needed for the block, working capital etc., etc.

The provisions of Sec. 101 had however, proved illusory as many companies had been established without adequate capital and the shareholders had been ruined. The proposal that the directors should give separate particulars of the amounts needed for block, working capital, commission etc. was therefore a step in the right direction.

Dealing with the proposals concerning prospectuses, the speaker felt that they were very weak. He referred to various healthy amendments made in the English Act as contained in Parts I and II of the 4th Schedule and advocated their incorporation in the Indian Act.

Referring to the proposals for the establishment of a Central Administrative machinery for administration of the Act, the speaker recalled that this reform was also suggested in 1936 but was turned down with results which have proved most disastrous. Enforcement of the provisions of the Law and its administration at the hands of a single authority were the prerequisites to the efficient working of an important commercial legislation like the Company's Act and he was glad that the need for reform in this direction had been realised at last.

ELECTRICITY RATES INCREASE

Rating Committee To Scrutinise

BOMBAY, Friday.

Complaints have been received by the Government of Bombay that certain electrical undertakings in the Province have increased their rates after September 30, this year, when the Bombay Electricity (Surcharge) Act, 1946, expired.

Problems arising from the increase in rates were discussed by Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works, with the representatives of the Association of Electrical Undertakings, Bombay Province, in conferences held in November.

After a full and frank discussion which coverd all outstanding issues, particularly the question of the period of depreciation of the assets and effects of devaluation of the working expenses of electric supply companies, it was agreed that the Association would recommend to the electrical undertakings, without prejudice to their rights, that they might agree not to charge more than the rates (including surcharge) prevailing on September 30 until Government was in a position to examine the licensees' finances.

On an application made by the licensee, Government is taking steps to appoint a Rating Committee under Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 to examine the charges levied by the Matheran Electricity Supply Company and hopes to announce its personnel and constitution shortly. The Association will, it is understood, nominate their representative on such Committees.

City Labour Union Secretary Released

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Dhanjibhai Jogadia, the General Secretary of the Municipal Kamgar Union, which conducted the recent municipal strike in the city, was released from prison this evening.

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VIJAY HAZARE TO LEAD WEST ZONE

Fred Freer To Captain The Commonwealth Eleven

POONA, December 9 (P T I).

Fred Freer the Vice-Captain of the Commonwealth Cricket Team will lead the tourists when they resume their Indian tour with a four-day match against the West Zone here tomorrow.

Vijay Merchant having intimated his inability to play, Vijay Hazare will lead the West Zone side which will be as follows:—

Vijay Hazare (Captain); G. Kishenchand; Gul Mahomed; S. W. Sohini; S. G. Shinde; M. R. Rege; B. B. Nimbalkar; P. G. Joshi (wicket keeper); S. D. Deodhar; S. D. Dhanwade and P. Khambatta.

The Commonwealth team will be selected from the following twelve:

F. Freer (Captain); W. Place; W. Alley; D. Fitzmaurice; H. Lambert; W. Langdon; G. Dawkes; R. Smith; F. Worrell; J. Holt; G. Pope and J. Pettiford.

The match will be played on the newly constructed club of Maharashtra grounds at Tilak Road. This is the first important match that is being staged on this ground, though three or four week-end matches have been played there since it was formally declared open by Bombay's Governor Raja Maharaj Singh, in October last.

Experienced cricketers here doubt the staying powers of the pitch for a four-day fixture and the winning of the toss is expected to have a big say in the ultimate result. During the week-end matches played on the ground, the ball sometimes showed a tendency to shoot.

INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORT

J. Crasto Sprains Leg Muscle

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay University Inter Collegiate Sports have reached their final stage and keen competition now prevails for the championship between St. Xavier's College and Siddarth College.

It is an unfortunate thing for the Xaverians to find that Joe Crasto their main hope is suffering from a strained muscle and it will be a serious handicap to him. But the Xaverians always seem to manage somehow and are confident of winning the championship.

The finals take place on the Xaviers College grounds at Parel. The following were the results:

FINALS

POLE VAULT:—M. Braganza (S.X.) 1. S. Rebello (Khalsa) 2. R. Buharlwalla (G.M.C.) 3. Heigth 9 feet 11½ inches.

50 METERS RUN (Women) R. Mistry (S. X.) 1. B. Gazdar (S.X.) 2 A. Fernandes (Sophia) 3. Time 6.7 secs.

THROWING THE JAVELIN:—N. Gotting (S.X.) 1. R. Gavankar (Ruia) 2. R. Marolia (Sidd) 3. Distance: 141 feet.

PUTTING THE SHOT (WOMEN) V. Longman (G.M.C.) 1. A. Pais (Sophia) 2. B. Gazdar (S.X.) 3. Distance: 27 feet 4 inches.

PUTTING THE SHOT (MEN)—N. Gotting (S.X.) 1. D. Shete (Sidd) 2. I. Mansoor (G.M.E.) 3. 31 feet 4 inches.

400 METRES RUN (MEN):—O. Pinto (G.M.C.) 1. S. D'Cunha (S.X.) 2. R. Omer (S.X.) 3. Time: 54.1 secs.

SEMI-FINALS

100 METRES RUN: 1st heat R. Buhariwalla (G.M.C.) 1. F. Soonawalla (N.M.C.) 2. N. Gotting (S.X.) Time 11.5 secs.

2nd Heat:—O. Pinto (G.M.C.) 1. S. D. Cunha (S.X.) 2. R. Soonawalla (N.M.C.) 3. Time 11.6 secs.

200 METRES RUN: 1st heat S. D'Cunha (S.X.) 1. B. D'Mello (Sidd) 2. N. Robin (Khalsa) 3. Time 24.7 secs.

2nd Heat E. Powell (S.X.) 1. J. Gonsalves' (Khalsa) 2. R. Subramaniam (Ruia) 3. Time: 24.8 secs.

3rd Heat O. Pinto (G.M.C.) 1. R. Omer (S.X.) 2. M. Fouzdar (Khalsa) 3. 25.3 secs.

4th Heat: R. Buhariwalla (G.M.C.) 1. R. Soonawalla (N.M.C.) 2. J. Noronha (S.X.) 3. Time 24.2 secs.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP: (Qualified for finals) J. Noronha (S.X.), R. Omer (S.X.), S. Ashgar (Nat), F. D'Silva (Sidd.), Kakungulus (E.C.V.R. I.S.), F. Soonawalla (N.M.C.). Distance 19 feet 9 inches.

In the Day's Sports

HOCKEY

Cooperage

2-50 p.m. Lusitanians S. C. 'B' vs G. I. P. 'B' (First Division).

3-45 p.m. Young Sports 'A' vs. B. B. and C. I. Railway 'A' (Senior Division).

4-45 p.m. Bombay City 'A' vs. Tata 'A' (Senior Division).

Old Association Ground, Churchgate

3-00 p.m. Brother's H. C. vs. Reserve Bank S. C. (Second Division).

4-00 p.m. Lusistnians S. C. 'B' vs. Bombay City 'C' (Women's League).

5-00 p.m. Bombay Grey's 'A' vs. St. Agnes's H. S. (Women's League).

TABLE TENNIS

Mysore Association, King's Circle

6 p.m. Onwards Ladies Singles Final, followed by Men's Singles Semi-finals, Mixed Doubles semi-finals and Men's Doubles semi-finals.

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.:

8-30 p.m. M. K. Sathe (—325) vs. Ramesh R. Jhaveri (—325).

MISTRY SURPRISES NARAYANAN

Mysore Association Table Tennis

BOMBAY, Friday.

The University champion Nariman Mistry cornered most of the glory this evening when he registered a surprising victory over the hard hitting K. N. S. Narayanan after a gruelling contest lasting four games in the quarter-final of the Men's Singles of the Mysore Association Open Table Tennis Tournament and thus avenged his previous defeat.

Seeded number I in the women's single, Shiloo Motiwala cheaply disposed of Piroj Tipnis and qualified to meet Indu Desai. Indu Desai brilliantly outplayed Sunita Amladi and avenged her defeat in three straight games, conceding eleven, twelve and thirteen points only.

K. N. S. Narayanan, seeded No. 4 in the tournament was surprisingly eliminated by Nariman Mistry after a thrilling encounter, lasting four games. Mistry right from the start took in the new role of an offensive player and as a result of this, he lost the first game scoring only five points. In the second game Mistry started playing pat ball and taking lead in the midway clinched the game in his favour. Narayanan's redundant attack often failed in the closing stages as he was very hasty in winding up the game, succumbed to his more clever opponent tamely, and the final scores were 5-21 21-18 21-17 and 21-15.

Another keenly contested match witnessed was the one in which the seeded No. 2 pair, Uttam Chandarana and N. J. Nensey had an uphill task in getting the better of R. N. Muthuswamy and N. L. Bajaj, an untried combination. The unseeded combination played remarkably well and checked the more reputed opponents to the fullest extent and often kept them in a defensive role. Nensey's able support and Chandarana's clever placings wrought havoc in the unseeded combination and the latter went down to their opponents fighting heroically.

In Juniors Doubles a mild surprise was featured when A. G. Phadke and F. H. Pardiwala accounted for the fancied pair in Sitaram and N. L. Bajaj in three games.

The results were as follows:

JUNIORS' DOUBLES (Semi-finals): S. L. Bajaj and M. L. Iulla beat A. T. Lulla and Shyam 21-15 21-19; A. G. Phadke and F. H. Pardiwala beat Sitaram and N. L. Bajaj 21-18 9-21 21-19.

LADIES SINGLES (Semi-finals): Miss S. Motiwala beat Mrs. Tipnis 21-17 21-15 21-16; Miss Indu Desai beat Dr. (Miss) Amaladi 21-11 21-12 21-13.

MEN'S SINGLES (Quarter-finals): U. M. Chandarana beat G. V. Halody 21-9 21-13 21-15; N. B. Mistry beat K. N. S. Narayanan 5-21 21-18 21-17 21-15; Kumar Ghosh beat S. B. Jog 21-18 21-11 21-2; M. V. S. Vittal beat B. P. Baliga 21-15 21-16 21-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Quarter-finals): M. V. S. Vittal and Kumar Ghosh beat Shevde and Dr. Ketkar 21-16 21-13 21-16; S. B. Jog and A. I. Jacob beat F. Dubash and Framroze 19-21 21-19 21-15 21-14; N. B. Mistry and P. Kumar beat V. V. Prabhu and S. L. Bajaj 21-16 21-11 19-21 21-16; U. M Chandarana and Nansey beat H. H. Muthuswamy and N. L. Bajaj 21-11 19-21 21-18 21-19.

BOMBAY TO MEET CEYLON IN FINAL

BANGALORE, Dec. 9 (P.T.I.): Bombay will meet Ceylon in the finals of the Inter-University South Zone Badminton (shuttle cock) Tournament here on December 12 and 13, as Bombay got a walk over Poona who have intimated their inability to participate in the tournament. Poona to have met Bombay in the semi-finals tomorrow. Ceylon, who by their three to nil victory over Mysore yesterday qualified for the final, lost one out of the two remaining played here tonight at the Intermediate College lecture hall. Ceylon beat Mysore by four matches to one.

"Test" Players Gather For Intensive Practice

BOMBAY, Dec. 9. (PTI): Eleven of the fourteen players selected for the Indian team for the second "test" have gathered in Bombay for a week's intensive practice before the commencement of the "test" on December 16.

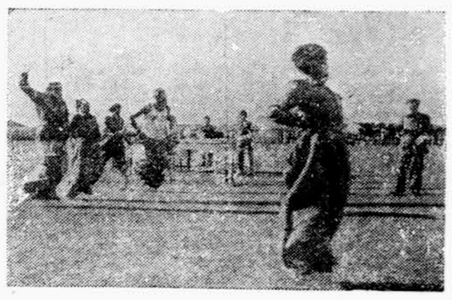
Three other members of the team are at present in Poona where they are due to play for West Zone against the tourist.

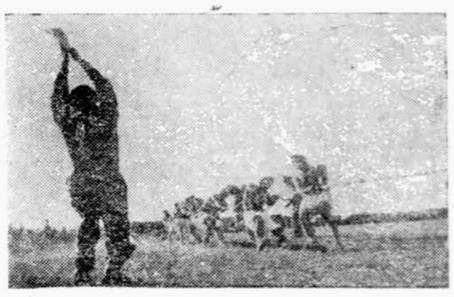
The players seen at the Brabourne Stadium nets today were:

Vijay Merchant, Vinoo Mankad, D. G. Phadkar, H. Adhikari, C. R. Rangachari, M. K. Mantri, R. S. Modi, C. S. Nayudu, P. R. Umrigar, B. C. Alwa and H. Gaekwad.

It is learnt that Mr. A. S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India has invited three other young promising cricketers—Kannairam (Madras) N. Chowdhary and Shute Bannerji to come to Bombay to practice with the "test" team Ghulam Ahmed, right-arm spin bowler of Hyderabad, has also been asked to join the team at the nets after the Hyderabad-Central Provinces Ranji Trophy match.

BOMBAY SUB-AREA SPORTS





The picture on the left shows the sack race in its finishing stage. Jamadar Ramanujan is seen breasting the tape first while Jam. Cheladurai is second. The picture on the right shows the 17 Sikh Regiment representatives doing their best to win against the Survey Regiment in the tug-of-war.

Capt. Pooniah of the Provost Unit who won the Individual Championship in the Bombay Army Sub-area Sports.

BOMBAY SUB-AREA SPORTS

Capt. Pooniah Wins Championship

BOMBAY, Friday.

The annual athletic sports of the H.Q. Bombay Sub-area were held this afternoon before a distinguished gathering including Major-General Brar who presided and an interesting day's programme provided a high standard of athletics.

Capt. Pooniah of the 45 L of L Provost Unit won the individual championship. The team championship was won by the 20 Survey Regiment with 59 1/2 points. The 17 Sikhs stood second with 48 points L/Naik Dapti Singh of the R.I.A. Centre was runner-up.

The following were the results:

120 YARDS HURDLES:—Mohan Singh (Survey Regt.) 1, Amar Singh (Survey Regt.) 2, Hav. Piara (17 Sikhs) 3. Time 17.4 secs.

SHOT PUT:—Gnr. Balwant Singh (Survey Regt.) 1, L/Nk. Jagal Singh (Survey Regt.) 2, Nk. Joginder Singh (17 Sikhs) 3. Distance 36 ft. 7 inches.

LONG JUMP: Capt. Pooniah (Provost) 1, Gnr. Jaswant Singh (Survey Regt.) 2, Harban Singh (R.I.A.) 3. Distance 19 feet 6 inches.

100 YARDS RUN:—L./Nk. Haneef (Artly. Deolali) 1. Nk. George (Signals) 2. Hav. Pritham Singh (17 Sikhs) 3. Time 10.6 secs.

DISCUS THROW:—Hav. Harbans Singh (17 Sikhs) 1. Hav. Raghwan (R.I.A.) 2. Nk. Kabul Singh (17 Sikhs) 3. Distance 95 ft. 11 ins.

440 YARDS RUN:—Nk. Gobind Singh (17 Sikhs) 1. Jun. George (Docks) 2. Hav. Singara Singh (Survey Regt.) 3. Time 51.6 secs.

JAVELIN THROW:—Spr. Ramarao Bhosle (Docks) 1. Jem. Gurudev Singh (Survey) 2. Hav. Bidappa (R.I.A.) 3. Distance 146 ft. 2 inches.

220 YARDS RUN:—Nk. George (Signals) 1 Hav. Channam Singh (17 Sikas) 2, L./Nk. Devarajan (Docks) 3 Time 23.8 secs.

HOP STEP AND JUMP:—Nk. Chanchal Singh (Survey) 1. Hav Jaimal Singh (17 Sikhs) 2. Jem Dhanpal (R.I.A.) Distance 39 feet 10 inches.

880 YARDS RUN:—Dapti Singn (R.I.A.) 1. Gajan Singh (17 Sikhs) 2 L./Nk. Najar Singh (R.I.A.) 3. Time 2 min. 6 secs.

SACK RACE (J.C.O.'s):—Jem. Ramanujan (I.A.M.C.) 1. Jem. Cheladurai (I.A.M.C.) 2.

HIGH JUMP: Capt. Pooniah (Provost) 1. Shankaran Nair (School of Artly., Deolali) 2. L./Nk. Veeraswamy (School of Artly., Deolali) 3. Height 5 feet 6 inches.

ONE MILE MEDLEY RACE:—20 Survey Regt. 1. 17 Sikhs 2. R.I.A Centre 3. Time 3 min. 50 secs.

LADIES LEMON AND SPOON RACE (50 YARDS):—Miss Sarjoni 1 Mrs. Hate 2.

ONE MILE RACE:—L./Nk. Depi Singh (R.I.A.) 1. Kalia Singh (17 Sikns) 2. Sep. Karta Singh (17 Sikhs) 3. Time 4 min. 33 secs.

OFFICERS RACE (HANDICAP):—Brig. Madhusinghji P. Capt. Kapoor 3

TUG OF WAR:—17 Sikh Regiment 1. 20 Survey Regt. 2.

Iftikhar In Pakistan Tennis Final

LAHORE, Dec. 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Pakistan's number one player, Iftikhar Ahmed, today won his way into the men's singles final of the Pakistan lawn tennis championships here.

After a hard fight he beat Heraldo Weiss, of Argentina, by 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6.

C. P. & Berar Batsmen Succumb To The Guiles Of Gulam Ahmed

HYDERABAD IN COMFORTABLE POSITION IN RANJI TROPHY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 9.

The Hyderabad State Cricket Association were in a comfortable position at the end of the first day's play in their match against Central Provinces and Berar in the Ranji Trophy (South Zone) which commenced at the Secunderabad Gymkhana ground this morning. After dismissing the visiting team for 136 runs Hyderabad at the time of drawing stumps had made 79 runs for the loss of only one wicket.

The visiting team lost seven wickets for 50 runs but thereafter S. A. Rahim and S. S. Jog added 36 runs for the eighth wicket before the latter was caught off Bharatchand Khanna for 17 runs. But the brightest partnership of the innings was that for the last wicket between W. D. Saney and S. A. Rahim who took the total from 91 to 136 before Ghulam Ahmed clean bowled S. A. Rahim for 40, the highest individual score for the visitors.

Ghulam Ahmed, who played in three Test matches for India against West Indies last year, captured five wickets for 39 runs with his slow medium off-breaks.

Hyderabad lost their first and only wicket of the day when they had made ten runs but Dastagir Quereshi, the other opening batsman, and Ali Hussain coming together for the second wicket took their side's score to 79 without being separated when stumps were drawn for the day.

C.P. AND BERAR (First Innings)

N. D. Aney c and b Gulam Ahmed	15
A. D. Mohoni b Ramkrishna ..	4
Gopi Naidu c Nizam Yar Khan b Gulam Ahmed	22
K. Kesari c Nizam Yar Khan b Bhoopathi	1
K. S. Thakur b Bhoopathi	0
S. A. Rahim b Gulam Ahmed ..	40
Narsimhan b Gulam Ahmed ..	2
V. P. Sule b Gulam Ahmed	4
S. Jog c Dittia b Bharatchand ..	17
Chunilal st. Nizam Yar Khan b Bharatchand	2
W. D. Saney not out	19
Extras	10
Total	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/6, 2/27, 3/34, 4/34, 5/44, 6/46, 7/50, 8/86, 9/91.

Bowling Analysis

Bharatchand 16/4/42/2.
Ramkrishna 10/3/14/1.
Gulam Ahmad 29.4/11/39/5.
Bhupathi 19/5/31/2.

HYDERABAD (First Innings)

Dastagir Qureshi batting	48
Nizam Yar Khan b N. D. Saney..	5
Ali Hussain batting	19
E. B. Abibara (Captain), Bharatchand Khanna, Gulam Ahmed, Bhopathy, Capt. F. Dittia, Ramkrishna, Nasir Ali Khan and Mohammad Ali Khan to bat.	
Extras	7
TOTAL (for one wicket)	79

Bowling Analysis

A. Rahim 3/1/17/0.
Chunilal 5/1/17/0.
W. D. Saney 11/5/23/0.
N. D. Saney 4/0/13/1.
Kesari 7/3/12/0.
Thakur 3/0/5/0.
FALL OF WICKET: 1/10.

JOE LOUIS TO CLASH WITH CHARLES

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9. (PTI-Reuter).

A clash next summer between Joe Louis, retired world heavyweight champion, and Ezzard Charles, reigning N. B. A. World Champion, was suggested today by Jake Mintz, co-owner of Charles' contract.

He said such a bout would satisfy the public and sportswriters and revive the million-dollar gate.

"I've just been reading how Louis is coming back after knocking out Pat Valentino in Chicago on Wednesday", Mintz said, "Well I'm urging Louis to make his comeback next summer and fight Charles.

"The fight will give Charles a chance to prove what a great champion he is", Mintz added.

Tex Sullivan, manager of Lee Oma has stated that his heavyweight contender was "pulling out" of his de'roit exhibition with Joe Louis next Wednesday as the retired heavyweight champion of the world was "fighting real fights".

"They are exhibitions", said Sullivan, "they are real wars. Look what happened to Pat Valentino in Chicago. Louis busted him up and knocked him out in eight rounds. Valentino said Louis is a much better fighter than Ezzard Charles"

Sullivan went on "we are not afraid to meet Louis, but let us make it and advertise it as a regular fight. Then we can make some money. Louis's exhibitions have not made big money. Oma is the ranking heavyweight in the world and if Louis wants to fight him let us make it worthwhile".

The manager said he had wired the Detroit Matchmaker "that they were not showing and that's that".

BENEFITS OF RACING!

LUCKNOW, Dec. 9 (PTI).

The proceeds of the special race meetings of the Western India Turf Club amounting to over rupees ninety-three thousand have been donated to the Indian Hockey Federation, it is learnt.

The special meetings were organised in response to the Indian Hockey Federation's appeal for funds for the Indian Hockey team to the last London Olympiad.

TURF CLUB CUP AT MERCY OF DEEPAK MAHAL

By Our Racing Correspondent

BOMBAY, Friday

THE Turf Club Cup, the attraction in tomorrow's card is at the mercy of Gwalior-owned Deepak Mahal. It is a terms event to be run over middle distance. Mr. Chandulal Shah's famous Indian-bred Balam is likely to run behind the winner.

Red Carnation and Independence possess outstanding chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1ST RACE:
SHOOKARIYA Win
AGNI MANI Next Best
If ab. CALTEX QUEEN

2ND RACE:
RED CARNATION Win
MY AZIZA Next Best
If ab. SUNDRI

3RD RACE:
NATURE BOY Win
GIPSY BILL Next Best

4TH RACE:
BATTLING ADMIRAL Win
PAN SUPARI Next Best
If ab. PAVAN

5TH RACE:
DEEPAK MAHAL Win
BALAM Next Best

6TH RACE:
LIBERTY BELLE Win
If ab. FAIR HAVEN
SNEHPRABHA Next Best

7TH RACE:
DEUCE OF CLUBS Win
VALIANT PRINCE Next Best

8TH RACE:
INDEPENDENCE Win
SWEET MARYLA Next Best

9TH RACE:
DOMINATE Win
BATTLE SONG Next Best

CHOICE TREBLE:
RED CARNATION
DEEPAK MAHAL
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"More Sports News On Page 7"

Commonwealth Cricketers Arrive In Poona

POONA, Dec. 9 (P.T.I.): The Commonwealth cricket team arrived here this morning from Pakistan to play a four-day match against West Zone commencing from tomorrow.

St. Xavier's Luck Changes After Five Defeats

PRESSMEN BEATEN BY TWO CLEAR GOALS IN HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Friday.

St. Xavier's College "A" last year's League Winners claimed their first two points after five successive defeats when they beat a depleted "Times of India" team by two goals to nil this evening at the Cooperage in the Senior Division of the B.P.H.A. League.

There was little to enthuse over in this encounter between two teams who occupy lowly positions in the league. It is indeed a great shame that a team like the "Times of India" is unable to field a proper side. Both their stalwart backs P. Fernandes and H. Roberts did not turn up and Tony Vaz their pivot was forced to play in the left back position which considerably weakened their intermediate line though H. D'Souza Playing Pivot worked himself to a standstill in an attempt to keep his forwards well supplied with passes as well as to lend a helping hand to an overworked defence. He was ably supported by left-half-back L. D'Souza. Their forwards failed to make any impression on the rival defence, J. Vaz and J. Rodrigues were the only ones who strove hard to get the better of the opposition.

St. Xavier's maintained the improvement they have been showing and rightly deserved to win. O. Ferreira was again outstanding in the defence well supported by G. D'Souza and T. Lefebour. Through their attack failed to combine their individual raids were a constant source of worry to the Times defenders. A. Lobo in goal saved confidently whenever called upon to do so.

The game was so dull that at no stage did anyone imagine that it was a Senior Division match and there were little hopes of a goal being scored. J. Williams opened the Collegians account from an apparently off-side position from a centre from the left which the Times defenders failed to intercept and G. Williams netted from close in giving goalkeeper D'Cruz no chance of saving.

After the interval the Pressmen tried hard to equalise and they came very near to scoring on two occasions but Braganza threw away these opportunities. Just before the end G. Williams added the second goal with a shot from the top of the circle.

THE TEAMS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ST. XAVIER'S "A" A. Lobo, O. Ferreira and G. D'Souza T. Lefebour H. Dias and G. Carvalho L. Lobo G. Williams D. A. Vaz J. Fonseca and L. D'Costa.

TIMES OF INDIA "A" E. D'Cruz, H. Verovhen and T. Vaz; O. Rebello, H. D'Souza and L. D'Souza; L. Braganza, J. Vaz, Durrant, J. Rodricks and T. Elly.

UMPIRES: T. B. D'Souza and N. Mendonca.

Earlier in the evening the junior string of B.B. & C.I. Railway shared two points and two goals in the first division. Foster gave the railwaymen the lead in the first half while Kuttappa equalised in the second half.

THE BEST FIGHTER STRIKES

A fine action shot taken during the fight between Ron Wilmer and Capt. Divecha for the Middleweight championship of Western India. Ron Wilmer gained a points decision.

FULL HOUSE AND DEV DOOT RECORD EXCELLENT SPURT

By Our Track Reporter

The following are the pick spurts noted this morning:—

OUTER TAN

IJJAT (Jones) covered three furlongs in 36 3/5 secs.

SWEET LOVE (R. Mulla) headed BILLY BOY (Kheem) when making an easy three furlongs spurt in 39 secs.

BATTLING ADMIRAL (Purtu) disposed of MANSOOR BEG (Khade). Three furlongs were traversed in 36-1/2 secs.

TAIWAN (Uttam) covered three furlongs in 39 secs.

NAGARPALAKI (Purtu) had the measure of COLD SHOULDER (R.B.) when sent over three furlongs. Timing 38 secs.

NEW MOON (Khade) did a speedy three furlongs display in 36 secs.

ROYAL CRUSADER (Ghaus Khan) was closely attended by DOMINATE when negotiating three furlongs in 36-1/2 secs. The second-named should run well tomorrow.

MR. RAMBLER (Ghaus Khan) and CARPULA (Sethna) were level when engaged over three furlongs. They returned 37-1/2 secs.

RUMBITA (Chavan) shaped better than SHANGRILLA (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs.

STAR OF MAHAD (Dar) failed to impress when worked over three. He clocked 39 secs.

JEANNE D'ARC (Whiteside) was sent alone over three furlongs. She cut it in 38½ secs.

FLYING DRAGON (Shivanna) and FLYING ARROW (Whiteside) moved attractively over three furlongs. The former showed out and clocked 36-1/5 secs.

PRINCE OF MAHAD (Duffy) held PHONE AGAIN (Mahomedali) when sent over three furlongs. The former was well in hand and clocked 37 secs.

ILLICIT (J. Bhosle) covered three furlongs in 38 secs.

FULL HOUSE (Jones) beat DEV DOOT (Kadam) when worked over three furlongs from 9 to 6. He returned 37 secs. A fit pair.

JAHAN ZAIB (Purtu) was not pressed when covering three furlongs in 39 secs.

BOMBAY'S TEAM FOR NATIONAL T. T.

BOMBAY, Friday.

At a meeting held this evening of the selection committee of the Bombay Provincial Table Tennis Association, the following players were selected to represent Bombay in the All India and Inter Provincial Table Tennis Tournaments, which are to be held at Hyderabad in the end of the month:—

U.M. Chandarana (Captain), H. M. Khanchand, Ossie Dyer, Dilip Sampat and S. N. Motiwala, Reserve: D. H. Kapadia.

The Ladies team will consist of Mrs. Banoo Cama (Captain), Mrs. Gool Nasikwalla and Miss Suhasini Dharap.

Juniors:— S. K. Thakersey. Reserve N. N. Mulla.

Mr. V. V. Prabhu, the energetic referee of many an open tournament has been appointed as the manager of the team.

ALL-INDIA BADMINTON IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI)—A heavy programme was worked off today in the All-India Badminton Championships. The best game of the evening was between Talyarkhan of Bombay and Asoke Gopal Dutta of Bengal. Asoke Gopal began the match with stiff shots, but due to constant accurate return of Talyarkhan the latter made 11. Asoke Goyal however prevailed over him and won the first game. Asoke being exhausted during the second game Talyarkhan had the better of him. The decider produced exciting movement of the shuttle and every shot was accurately placed and taken. But Asoke had to give way to his opponent.

THIRD DIVISION OF HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two more matches were decided in the third Division of the B.P.H.A. League this evening at the Parsi Cyclist ground.

In the first game Bombay Steam Navigation S. C. and Ordnance S. C. were concerned in a goalless draw while later in the evening Avery Club held Chartered Bank to a draw two goals being shared. The Bank took the lead early in the second half through Xavier while Pat Braganza equalised for Avery's towards the end.

BOMBAY RACES

WINTER MEETING

6th DAY—SATURDAY
10th DECEMBER

Chief Event
TURF CLUB CUP

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SECOND ENCLOSURE Rs. 3/8

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

The Bombay Chronicle

FROM MESS TO MUDDLE?

We welcome the decision of the Central Government and the Bombay Government to restart the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills. But apart from the fact that a big textile mill—one of the largest units in the country—will once again begin functioning, there is little reason to congratulate the Government on the manner in which it is tackling this question. Under the elaborate pretence of undertaking nationalisation and bearing in mind the interests of the workers, the Government has evaded its responsibility. The entire burden of exposing the omissions and commissions of the Managing Agents was placed on that section of the shareholders who were objecting to the management of the concern. The investigating experts who were appointed to look into the affairs, were grudgingly appointed after continued pressure. And after the reports were presented to the authorities, nothing was done to save the concern or to bring the responsible persons to book for their gross mismanagement. What is more, we are reliably informed that the Bombay Government even expressed itself unable to act under the existing Company Act and threw the burden of presenting suitable amendments and outlining the correct course for the Government to follow on the objecting share-holders—a line of action which is certainly curious for a Government which possesses all the resources of a legal department. Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, the Labour Minister, was thoroughly irresponsible in his assertion that "our concern is more with employment and production than with details like managing agents and misappropriation". When malpractices have been proved by competent authorities set up by his own Government and when it is these very malpractices which have led to the closure of the Mills, Mr Nanda and the Government for which he speaks have every reason to be concerned with managing agents and misappropriation. It has been the proclaimed policy of the Government to create an atmosphere that will encourage capital and promote business. Possibly, it might be considered that by sitting tight on the accusations levelled against big business in the Sholapur Mills affair the Government is promoting a spirit of confidence. But it should be remembered that the bulk of share-holdings are in the hands of the small investors, not with the Managing Agents and their friends. It is by cleaning up business, eradicating malpractices and enforcing honest dealing that the Government can inspire the necessary confidence among investors. The joint stock company is the bulwark of a society founded on private enterprise, even of a mixed economy like the one which the Government of India contemplates for India. If public confidence in the system is undermined, then there can be nothing short of a collapse of the financial structure. Yet Mr. Nanda claims almost as a virtue his lack of interest in mismanagement and misappropriation. What he has failed to see is that the public will assume that by this action the Government at Delhi and Bombay regard the manner of management which prevailed at the Sholapur Mills as the normal for company management, and look on State running as the only salvation. Apart from the fact that both Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel have stated time and again that the State lacks men and means for extensive nationalisation today and that this kind of public feeling will only embarrass Government by raising all manner of expectation, the joint stock company as an institution will be completely discredited.

It is a matter for small comfort that Mr. Nanda did not minimise the condition of the Sholapur Mills. "There is no cotton, no coal and, THEY have left nothing there," said Mr. Nanda. When the Government is considering legislation for special power to "run the wheels of the mills", it might usefully include a few provisions to remove bad management from its controlling position. It might be a wrong inference but Mr. Nanda's assertion that he was considering the arrangements to be made "regarding the agency to be entrusted with the administration of the mill and a scheme for raising funds to finance the mill", has a distinctly unsavoury odour about it. It means in effect that whoever will put up the money will be left to run the mill and run it as badly as he or they wish. "Our concern is more with employment and production than with details like managing agents and misappropriation". What more can prospective financiers ask of Government? This might be all right as a way of getting rid of Mr. Nanda's biggest headache, but it is not a very desirable attitude and it cannot but lead to a thoroughly undesirable state of affairs. Now that Mr. Nanda has said so much about Sholapur Mills running not in a few months but in a matter of weeks, we should like to know also what agency he is going to entrust the running of it to. And the public would like to have a say in the matter as well.

Facing Realities

There was fear that Imperialists in the Dutch Parliament will sustain their reputation for being diehards and would make a desperate if also disastrous bid to retain in their greedy possession that extremely rich Asian prize, Indonesia. Commonsense and discretion seem, however, to have prevailed over greed. For, according to latest report, the Bill for the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia is meeting with approval even though with a narrow majority. The compulsion of events and forces was too overwhelming for the Dutch to continue their resistance to the freedom demand of Indonesians. What is interesting to observe is that this is admitted and listed by Dutch statesmen who used it as the main and almost exclusive argument in favour of the Bill. Resurgent nationalism in South-East Asia, international and particularly Asian feeling as also significant anti-Dutch measures as represented by dock strikes in Australia, Indo-Pakistan ban on K.L.M. planes and U.S. decision regarding withdrawal of Marshall Aid all came in for a due measure of recognition. Also, and very prominently, the spectre of Communism and of the Soviet Union. Two points were made and they fairly effectively broke the opposition: first that rejection of the Bill would injure Dutch interests far more deeply than acceptance of it, and, secondly, it was, as the Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories urged in the Lower House, "wiser to come to terms with nationalism in South-East Asia than to drive nationalism into the arms of Communism". All this is true and the world will be glad that Dutch Imperialism faced realities and the inevitable dangers of ignoring them. They have done the right thing.

But while welcoming the Bill one cannot help noting and remarking that throughout the debate in the Dutch Parliament not one word has yet been said suggesting that freedom was the right of the people of Indonesia and that sovereignty should be transferred to them by the Dutch as a matter of obligation to the democratic principle, which confers on every nation and country the supreme and unchallenged right to sovereignty and independence. We note the fact because this remains the common pattern of Imperialist thinking and strategy even today. The best of democrats—so-called—as the British, let alone the French, the Belgians and others, continue to behave directly and indirectly in Africa, for instance, as if the democratic principle imposed no obligations on them. And they will go on so behaving until the compulsion of events and forces obliges to face realities as the Dutch are now doing in Indonesia.

Thought For The Day

One should carefully perform the action which when being performed yields satisfaction to the inner self, and should shut all action of a contrary nature.

—THE MAHABHARAT.

Presidents And Philately

The decision not to have the portrait of the first President in the series of stamps which are to usher in the new Republic of India is, on the whole, a wise one. It is stated that the difficulty of knowing who will have this honour has been decisive. But it is well known that the choice lies between Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, and the difficulty could be surmounted in the way in which most newspaper offices will surmount it. But even more serious is the fact that the President, even more than the Governor-General, will need all his tact to keep himself in the background well out of sight of the more dominating personalities of the Government, and that on this ability will depend not only his own success but the stability of the constitutional structure. We know it has been the practice in Europe, imitated by China, to have the President's portrait honoured on a stamp. But nothing will be lost if we do not follow suit. It is a happy thought that in the first series designed for free India, the persons featured are symbolic of the common people. But it is rather unfortunate that with one exception the designs should have been confined to the present pursuits of the Indian people and to those too that are in a small way. The literacy stamp is a good conception, though the execution is rather conventional. We should have liked to see a stamp designed for the armed forces which mean so much to the Indian Republic. But it seems to have been avoided because of a desire to be seen as a peaceful nation. And then, why have we no philatelic memorial to the Indian Constitution which surely deserves being immortalised? Agriculture and cottage industries might well have been kept in abeyance for the while. It is not too late to celebrate the Constitution and, as for design, it seems simple enough: Either the preamble might be taken on a scroll, or the photograph of Dr. Rajendra Prasad authenticating the Constitution might be used. Both would serve equally.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By "Citizen"

AN ATTEMPT to raise the issue of the detention and externment of a Municipal Councillor under the Emergency Powers Act, made by the Opposition in the city Corporation did not succeed, because the Mayor ruled that a discussion on the point was outside the perview of the Municipal Act. It is perhaps the first occasion that such a narrow interpretation has been put on that Act, which has been known for the wide lattitude it gives to the city fathers to discuss matters that affect the civic life of the city.

The fact that the externment of a Municipal Councilor would deprive at least the Ward from which he was elected of effective representation in the House was considered to be a sufficient reason for raising the discussion and Mr. Sushil Kavalekar who opposed the point of order raised by the Chairman of the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee pleaded in vain for taking a broader view of the matter and pointed out that if that be the view how helpless was a House which could not raise a voice even when one of its members was deprived of the opportunity to serve the people who elected him. The Mayor however took the view that once a matter like that was allowed there would be no end to it and almost every detention and externment order would be brought for discussion in the Corporation. One need hardly point out that this was a far-fetched view since the distinction between a member of the House and a non-member would be quite obvious.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

While the special meeting convened on the requisition of the Socialists could not proceed with the business before it, another special meeting convened to discuss a series of items of an ordinary routine character was allowed to proceed as the point of order raised by Mr. M. V. Donde was not upheld by the Mayor. The objection Mr. Donde raised was that a Special urgency meeting of the Corporation could be convened for a particular matter which was considered to be urgent and it was improper to lump together several items and to create a separate agenda and to call a special urgency meetng to consider all such items at one meeting. The reason for such a meeting is the refusal of the Opposition to grant urgency to items brought before the House by the Municipal Commissioner. It is required that at least three fourths of the members present in the House must vote to grant the permission to discuss a matter brought up as urgent business. It has been noticed that recently on several occasions the Opposition by its refusal to vote has prevented the discussion. The Mayor once observed in this connection that it was no use asking for urgency any more since that part of the constitution was as good as dead and the only way left open was to convene special meetings for the consideration of such items. The question however remains if matters that should normally need threefourths majority for being discussed if they were not put on the monthly agenda could be discussed by circumventing that condition. The ruling of the present Mayor gives the answer in the affirmative but if need not be considered final and the matter may not rest there.

MESSAGE RATE

An extra meeting on Wednesday helped the House to clear off a good deal of arrears. Among the motions that were passed was one drawing attention to the complaints of the public regarding the Telephone bills. The newly introduced system of message rate came in for a good deal of criticism and the whole House agreed that the new system was proving irksome on account of the method of preparing bills on which there was no check whatsoever and the subscribers had to pay for a number of calls which they had either not put through or were at least not effective.

Yet another suggestion that was accepted was to put up destination indicators on trams and buses both in Roman and Nagri characters. This reform has already been introduced by the Railways.

RELIGION AND BEGGARS

On Thursday while the House was discussing the December agenda Mr. Nathalal D. Parikh the secretary of the Congress Party brought the Bombay Beggars' Act under discussion by moving that Sadhus and sadhvis who had renounced worldly comforts and conveniences for the spiritual uplift of their soul should be exempted from the operation of the Bombay Beggars' Act. The motion also suggested that the Act had inflicted considerable hardship and a certain amount of indignity on such persons. The original resolution as it appeared on the agenda referred to Jain Sadhus and Sadhvis and talked of their services to their community, but while moving it the mover suitably modified it so so as to bring in its orbit all religious mendicants and beggars who had no intention of begging but were doing so having renounced worldly comforts for spiritual uplift. The mover pleaded for this class of people to be exempted from the operations of the Beggars' Act and he was supported by Mr, C. C. Shah who also took the view that such exemption was necessary. Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas the Ex-Mayor added his voice in support of recluse and religious mendicants.

The Socialist Opposition did not agree with this view and went all out in its opposition to the suggestion. Mr. Dinkar Desai who launched the attack moved an amendment that the matter should be referred to the Law Revenue Committee. He feared that if a representation was made to the Government and if they agreed with the suggestion it would be a real calamity as it would perpetuate beggar nuisance in the city. Describing himself as a "professed Hindu" Mr. Desai declared that a series of sins were committed in the name of religion in the same manner as the name of Mahatma Gandhi was being exploited by people. He contended that whoever begged in the name of religion degraded the religion to which he or she claimed to belong. An exemption to any class of beggars would ultimately mean perpetuation of beggary and would thus defeat the very object of the Act. If India were to be a great nation the House must reject the motion was the advice Mr. Desai and his Socialist friends offered.

AMENITIES FOR CITIZENS

The City Corporation seems to be planning some major schemes for providing amenities to the citizens in at least some parts of the city. One such scheme which envisages a Recreation Centre including a big Swimming Pool to be named after Mahatma Gandhi would be constructed in the Shivaji Park area. It would cost a sum of more than a million rupees and since the Municipality is undertaking this scheme the Municipal Commissioner has suggested that there is no need of contributing the amount of Rs. 100,000 to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund which it had decided to do in August last. The Standing Committee has accepted the suggestion. The reason given for not contributing the amount is no doubt quite sound but it does mean going back on a decision once taken by the House and since the matter refers to a fund that was collected to perpetuate the memory of the Father of the Nation it does leave a bad taste in the mouth. Surely while taking that decision the Corporation could have considered the possibility of doing something on its own for the

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Frankly Speaking

Gesture Not Enough

Mr. Angadi Deputy Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly who resigned on the mandate of the Karnatak bloc, is restive. To indulge in a gesture is not a very satisfying act in the new conditions that come into being in free India. It is like stepping out of the main current of national life. After all, when the Karnatak comes to life, it will still be a part of the India whose foundations are being laid now. And why should Mr. Angadi or anyone else voluntarily step out of the work of foundation laying? As a member of the Legislative Assembly he was doing a duty, not conferring a favour on the others. But realization of this does not seem to have brought better reason to the politician. Mr. Angadi is now pressing for the resigned members abstaining from attending the next sessions of the Bombay and Madras legislatures, lest they be regarded as men who can be played about with. This insistance is surely not necessary. It would be very surprising if the Congress expressed a desire to retain in the Legislature individuals who are so impulsive as to walk out in the fashion in which the Kannadigas did. As for Mr. Angadi's gratuitous warning to Maharashtra on how it should conduct its provincial agitation, it is an act that might well recoil on the Karnatak Province that is yet to come.

What's Up?

The sudden repudiation of his confession by M. Traicho Westov, former Premier of Bulgaria, has given a sensational twist to a trial which had fallen into the pattern of the recent trials of anti-communists in satellite countries. In these cases, the accused always a prominent individual, after his arrest "confessed" to his sins of omission and commission, and promised to behave. The most noteworthy example was the trial of Cardinal Mindzenty, a man who was acclaimed as the greatest bulwark against the inroads into individual and religious liberty made by Communists regimes. The Cardinal's case had made many suspect that force was employed to extract the confession, but non-Soviet reporters who saw the Cardinal in the witness-box thought that the Cardinal seemed to make the statements of his own free will. A book has been published recently which claims to be a record gathered from eye-witnesses. It is a sensational story, and if true, gives Russian scientists and psychologists greater powers than have ever been possessed by man. The Cardinal according to the book was made to stand for seven days without intermission and all this time he was subjected to uninterrupted interrogations, the questions being mostly of a personal and even obscene nature. The Cardinal was given "coffee" from time to time, which was in fact a drug known to bend the will of the user. An added torture was the exhibition of other comrades of the Cardinal who had been "broken" by horrible torture. In end, the victim was subjected to a series of injections which "split" his personality, and a trained psycho-analyst was able to build from it a new person, amenable to his suggestions but at the same time recognisable as the old individual in some of his traits.

More Diabolical

Does the Bulgarian ex-premier's retraction of his confession mark the failure of this method? The explanation of the "Daily Telegraph" reporter is more ingenious. Of late, these "confessions", often abject, have thrown the system into disrepute and what can be more convincing than a trial in which the case built up by the critics falls to the ground? The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent says that some "technical improvements" have been brought about in the method by which the victim is made to plead "not guilty" and M. Kostov might be the unfortunate victim of a deep machination which in addition to inflicting unspeakable sufferings to extract a confession, makes him choose the gallows—that too not of his own free will. Whether one believes this thesis or not, it certainly shows how ready the West is to credit the incredible on things Russian!

Charity And Sadhus

Many city fathers were indignant over the application of the Bombay Beggars Act to Sadhus and Sanyasis. Perhaps they reflect the general feeling in the country. With the lowest standard of living in the civilised world we are glad to carry all these parasites on our shoulders with the vague expectation that our charity will be remembered on the judgment day. Though it may sound a paradox these men, who have renounced the world and its ways, are anxious to keep in touch with common mortals. They and their supporters will indignantly resent the suggestion that they too must eat food, which they have not helped in any way to produce or grow. Sadhus, Sanyasis and fakirs are familiar landmarks on the Indian scene. They haunt the bazars fairs villages and towns, temples and masjids, collecting their tithe not by supplication but by right. Theirs is the privilege, believe many, to point to the common mortal the way to "Moksha". When so much halo is created round their heads, how dare anyone suggest that they should carry an identity card or a licence? We guess much water will have to flow down the Ganges before any such things can happen or is enforced. Imagine a policemen checking up licences in a fair at Pandharpur or Nasik! The idea is ridiculous. The best way is to educate the public opinion on the meaning of charity and point out the constructive ways in which their money can be better utilised.

What's In A Name?

It is gratifying to see that our Constituent Assembly members are very much like the rest of us. Thakur Krishna Singh, for instance, complained in the House that he had received a telegram in which 'Singh' had been turned by the Telegraphs into 'Soong' which P.T.I., for the benefit of those who have not a global outlook, explains in "a Chinese name". Does it matter what 'Sing' appears as, so long the telegram reaches the destination and the word is understood to be Singh? Had Thakur Krishna Singh been brought up otherwise, he might, for all we know, have been taught to read Sangh as Singh. He received the telegram, read it and understood it. What more does he ask for? The hard-pressed Telegraphs deserves congratulations for having let him off with a minor distortion, a distortion at that which is no more heinous than the many that occur at social functions. And yet no one ever complains of these confusions which are accepted as all in the evening's work. We should have thought that there was much more to mompiain about but it is a national habit to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. The Telegraphs might make merry with numbers, they might make hundreds into thousands or tens, they might convey a message which is the very opposite of what was intended—and they will get away with it. But they dare not 'song' a "singh".

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Pushtunistan

We are very glad to read that our (Afghan) brothers in the North-West Afghan Province, Tribal Areas and Quetta Baluchistan have raised their voices for a separate State — Pushtunistan. Afghans in these areas were terrorised by bombs and Army tactics during the British rule in India. Not only they did this but during the partition time, they handed over these territories to Pakistan, knowing fully well that Afghans are a separate nation. Now if Pakistan calls itself an Islam State, it must not make Afghans slaves. Great leaders — like Khan Abdul Gaffer Khan, Dr. Khan Saheb and others — and their followers, who fought for freedom are to-day rotting in jails of Pakistan. It is a shameful thing for a nation to jail these leaders who brought light of freedom into people's heart. It is high time Pakistan released these leaders and co-operated with them as Muslims to create a Muslim State — Pushtunistan.

We hope that the U.N. will help the Afghans to gain their rights.

—SARDAR HAFIZULLAH KHAN
—SARDAR INYATULLAH KHAN
—SARDAR HABIBULLAH KHAN

"Cotton Supply"

When we look at the present cotton supply position, we find that the cotton trade has cut a sorry figure for which it is mostly responsible. During the previous two years, it was the Government who timely realised the acute short position that would be created in future, and in consequence of this, at once put a ban on long staple cotton exports.

The cotton trade and the E. I. C. Association protested and said this, that India would be losing her markets for raw cotton in the countries where she used to export large surplus quantities of cotton. Generally cotton production in those days came between 55 and 60 lakhs bales. India consumed 22 lakhs bales and exported mostly short staple cotton to the tune of 25 lakhs bales, Japan being in the fore ground for these exports.

Since Japan entered into the last war, these exports ceased altogether. Consequently the surplus balance of such short staple cotton had to be carried for a few years. In the meantime the Government of India put a ban on growth of such short staple cotton and also reduced cotton acreage for "grow more food" production drive.

The present Jarilla cotton was introduced and the present "future contracts" are based on this variety in place of previous Bengal Oomra and Broach contracts. Owing to the division of the country, India overnight became importer instead of exporter of cotton. This position the cotton trade did not seem to realise. So, instead of backing the export ban, started vigorous propaganda, misguided Government of lift the ban, and the result was that during 1947-48 cotton season, nearly 9,41,000 bales went out of India. This figure includes shipments from Karachi too, where also the Indian shippers were prominent in exports of cotton in that year. These exporters made huge profits in such transactions specially with China and this was the main cause why the trade opposed the export ban.

To-day we see the dreadful result because a section of the cotton trade, refused to see to the larger interests of the country as a whole. But there is a silver living even here. Instead of raw cotton, India is now exporting large quantities of cloth and yarn. She has almost taken the place of Japan as it were, and this is a sound position to be in, because the profits remain in India and afterall we should be proud of the fact, that we are exporting finished goods and not the raw materials.

Without actual stocks at the backing, the "vaida" markets are not likely to function for some years to come, after which we may expect surplus stocks due to large scale new schemes now under consideration. Liverpool markets also do not function on account of absence of actual ready stocks at the back to keep scales even on both "bull" and "bear" sides, although cotton merchants there argued in vain with their government to allow markets to function.

The present quota system of cotton distribution to the Indian mills introduced by Government may not be satisfactory, but we do not know what better method could have been devised in view of acute shortage of cotton, which has just begun arriving in the interior markets and which would have followed the way sugar stocks went. The real pinch will be felt towards the end of the season in September 1950 after which mills will find their stocks almost consumed to a very low level.

—JAMNADAS DAMODER

Railway Courts

The Railway authorities have set up their summary trial courts on several station platforms, to dispose of cases relating to breach of railway regulations. I find that the presence of these courts on the railway platforms are resulting in harassment of tea-vendors and licenced porters. While these courts are in session if any tea-vendor shouts his wares or any porter crosses the lines, while performing his duty, he is immediately hauled up and fined on the spot. Unless the tea-vendors are able to attract the attention of the passengers how will they be able to earn their living? The Railway authorities ought to hold these courts somewhere else so that the porters and vendors are able to carry out their legitimate business.

—B. K. HARDIKAR
Secretary, Porters' Union

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

THE HAGUE, December 8: The Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, M. Johannes Van Maarseveen, told the Lower House today that it was "wiser to come to terms with nationalism in South-East Asia than to drive nationalism into the arms of Communism". Speaking during the continued debate on the Bill for the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia, he said that "only Russia would applaud" if the results of the Round Table Conference on Indonesia were rejected.

"Now, however, there are large sections of the Dutch population who understand the situation and know that we can no longer dominate Indonesia."

—PTI-Reuter.

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Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, who is, these days, visiting Peshawar instead of Moscow, is reported to have declared that if Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru really wanted to avoid conflict in the Indian sub-continent he should honour his commitment with regard to the conduct of a free and fair plebiscite.

But the irritating thing about Pandit Nehru is that he insists on honouring commitments to the U. N. Charter itself and also requires the U.N. and the aggressor to do so.

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A well-known writer in a London Socialist periodical "Leader" expresses the opinion that Pakistan's ultimate inclusion in an all-India Federation in the not distant future seems certain.

Meanwhile, on with Khalistan, Maharashtritan and now Kannadistan even to the establishment of a parallel Government.

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LAHORE: Police seized documents here today in a series of raids on Pakistan Communist Party offices, on the offices of two Left-Wing vernacular periodicals and on the Progressive Writers Association, which last month was host to a party of Russian authors —PTI.

Eh, what, what WHAT?

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Mr. Chuter Ede Britain's Home Secretary: "The total damage to target areas in Germany caused by high explosives and incendiaries during the last war would have equalled, it is estimated, by about 75 atom bombs."

75 Atom bombs equivalent to tens of thousands of bombers dropping, over a period of more than a year, hundreds of thousands of tons of high explosives and millions of incendiaries....PROBLEM: Estimate the achievements of 75 atom bambs, 1000 times more powerful, falling over an equivalent area in a couple of weeks.

On second thoughts don't try to estimate. You will get all sorts of aches and so on. We know what it is so get all sorts of aches and so on and so forth. In fact, we are suffering them all right now.—End of Bulletin.

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HONG KONG, December 8: The Chinese Nationalist Cabinet fled from the mainland today and established a new seat of Government on the island fortress of Formosa.

The next move of the Chinese Nationalist Cabinet will be announced in due course.

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SOFIA, December 7: Former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, T. Kostov facing trial for treason and espionage pleaded not guilty to the main charges here today.—PT-Reuter.

Hullo, why? What is wrong and where?

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Mr. Hutchinson, a Conservative Member of the British Parliament has, we read, been making confessions about his views on women. He is now of the opinion that women can keep secrets better than man, that they are closer in many ways than men, that they are very punctual etc etc.

Mr. Hutchison is, we must admit, a clever psychologist and we are sure he will comfortably retain his seat at the forthcoming General Elections.

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"WAR IN DEFENCE OF CATS" announces a headline.

History is full of them.

EMPLOYMENT FOR EVERYONE

ICFTU Declaration

LONDON, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter): The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions today unanimously adopted a 36-point declaration calling for "full employment, full production and full distribution."

The declaration demanded economic as well as political democracy. It said basic industries must be subject to "such democratic mechanisms as will make them responsive to national necessities."

The inaugural congress of the Confederation was meeting here for the third and final day. The declaration was presented by a special committee for its approval.

Among the 36 points was a pledge to help workers in countries not yet enjoying political freedom or national independence—whether under military dictatorships, totalitarian regimes or colonial administration.

Asian delegates to the Confederation were agreed that the new world organisation will strengthen existing trade unions, create new ones and enhance the prestige of trade unionism generally.

Indian, Ceylonese, Malaya and Japanese delegates all shared this point of view in talks with the Press Trust of India in the last hours of the conference.

COPPER REFINERY PLANT IN INDIA

Government Investigations Progressing

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of India have been investigating the possibilities of setting up a copper refinery plant in India to make India self-sufficient in copper, which has become one of the most essential and strategically important materials recently, the United Press of India learns here today.

Following the Government's decision to set up national industries for manufacturing radio transmitters, heavy electrical equipments and cables in the country, of which copper is the basic materials, India's copper consumption, it is calculated, will rise nearly, 100 per cent, or from a little over 35,000 tons to nearly 60,000 tons per annum.

The question of setting up plants in India for refining copper from scrap, it is understood, was considered by the Development Committee of the Ministry of Industries and Supplies Government of India, recently and the technical aspect of the project was investigated by the Government in the U.K., and the U.S.A., and it was ascertained that conditions in India were favourable for the setting up of such a refinery.

Investigations in the United Kingdom also revealed that a new economic process of refining copper from scrap at the rate of 25,000 tons per annum could be practicably worked out in India at an estimated cost of £180,000 only.

India's present copper consumption, it may be mentioned here, is near about 35,000 tons per annum, but she produces only about 6,000 to 7,000 tons per annum from the Bihar minefields, which satisfied barely 15 to 20 per cent of her totl demand.

Apart from the public utility concerns, such as electric power supply companies and other civil consumption, the Government itself is the most important copper consumer, in railways post and telegraphs, mints and munition factories.

TIPS ABOUT EVACUEE ORDINANCE

'Nehru's Assuarnce

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9, (PTI): Pandit Nehru has in a letter assured Dr Choithram Gidwani President of the All-India Refugee Association, that any suggestion made by the Association regarding the Indian Evacuee Property Ordinance "will receive full consideration."

Pandit Nehru said: "I should like to point out, however, that the Evacuee Property Ordinance was considered by us with the greatest care. There are certain international obligations and laws which cannot be ignored by us without great discredit in the international sphere. Also there are certain fundamental laws of our constitution which have to be kept in view."

The Prime Minister was replying to Dr. Gidwani's letter suggesting that certain amendments to the Ordinance proposed by the Association be considered before enacting the Ordinance into law "to safeguard the interests of not only the displaced persons but of the country as a whole."

Stop Press

4 MORE QUIT

HUBLI, Dec. 9 (PTI).—Four more resignations were received by the K.P.C.C. office today, in response to the call made by the K.P.C.C Executive, bringing the total number of such resignations to 23. They are from Mr. M. P. Patil, Agriculture Minister (Bombay), Mr. S. S. Shastry, M.L.A. (Bombay), Mr. Lingangouda Patil M.L.C (nominated, Bombay) and Mr. B. Anantacharya, M.L.A. (Madras).

BAO DAI CAN NOW GO TO PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter).—The French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, said today that the forthcoming visit to Paris of ex-Emperor Bao Dai, Head of the Vietnam State, was made possible by lifting of the "first Chinese danger"—that of Chinese Nationalist troops being driven into Vietnam. M. Pignon said all offers of co-operation from the Chinese Nationalist Generals had been firmly refused, an Agence Franco-Press message from Saigon reported.

PARIS, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter).—The conference between France, Italy and the Benelux countries ended here tonight after having drafted a joint report recommending the establishment of an economic and monetary union between the five States, a communique announced.

This report will be submitted to the five governments for approval.

LABOUR TRIUMPH IN BRITAIN

Wins An Important By-Election

BRADFORD (Yorkshire), December 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter).

BY the big majority of 4,000 the Labour Government today held the South Bradford parliamentary seat in a by-election considered an important pointer to next year's general election.

Socialists throughout the nation were jubilant at the result, which kept intact their four-year run of success in holding all seats won at the 1945 general election — an all-time record.

The figures were:—

George Craddock (Labour) 23,335; J. L. Windle (Conservative) 19,313; Colin Canning (Liberal Independent) 2,882.

Labour majority over the Conservative was thus 4,022. This was unexpectedly large, but the Conservatives had the satisfaction of more than halving Labour's majority in 1945 which was 9,002.

Labour politicians had estimated that their candidate would win by about 1,000 votes.

1,000 FEWER

During the campaign of the last few weeks there seemed to be little enthusiasm for the election among the local population. But today's figures showed that only about 1,000 fewer people voted than in the 1945 general election.

The Independent Liberal candidate, by receiving less than an eighth of the total poll, forfeited the £150 which every candidate must lodge as a deposit to "prove his good faith".

South Bradford was the 52nd by-election of this Parliament and the 35th in which the Government was defending a seat.

The Labour victory, coming on the eve of the general election which must take place next year, was a sharp blow to Government opponents. They had been confident that continued austerity, high taxation and the Government's handling of devaluation policy would produce a much narrower result.

PLIGHT OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN BOMBAY

7-Man Deputation To Wait On Nehru

BOMBAY, Friday: A seven-man deputation of displaced persons residing in this Province will be leaving for Delhi by air tomorrow morning to wait on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister.

The deputation which will be led by Dr. Tarachand Lalwani, will, its understood, apprise the Prime Minister of the "plight" of the displaced persons in the Province and stress the necessity of taking measures to rehabilitate them the earliest.

RELEASE FRONTIER GANDHI

Afghan Sardar's Demand

PONA, Dec. 9 (UPI): A demand for the release of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Dr. Khan Saheb and other Afghan leaders who are now in Pakistan jails, has been voiced by the three Afghan sardars residing in India, Hafizullah Khan, Inayatullah Khan and Habibullah Khan, in a joint statement issued today.

The Sardars, in their statement, have expressed satisfaction at the efforts of the Afghans in the North-West Frontier Province tribal areas and Baluchistan for raising their voice in asking for a separate state for the Afghans Pukhtoonistan.

The Sardars, in this connection, ardently hoped that the United Nations Organisation would extend their help to the Afghans in their fight for self-determination.

3 Months' R. I. For Handing Out Pamphlets

CUDDALPORE, Dec. 9 (UPI)—K. Venugoapal, a student of the Annamalai University, has been convicted and sentenced to undergo three months' R. I. The charge against him was that he distributed Communist literature among the other students of the University recently.

Talk On Human Rights

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (UPI)—All India Radio, Delhi, will broadcast a talk by Shrimati Hansa Mehta on "Fundamental Human Rights" on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8-45 p.m.

News BRIEFS

MORE RESPONSIBILITY

The whole gold coast civil service school should be revised to give more responsibility to Africans, according to a report issued on Friday by a Committee set up by the Governor.

AFRICANS' UNITED FRONT

Five hundred Africans, holding Nigeria's first public meeting since lifting of emergency restrictions on Thursday imposed during strike riots last month, launched a fund to meet the cost of presenting the strikers case at next week's enquiry into the disorders.

FAST TO CHECK ROWDYISM

Shri Ram Senhilal, Chairman of the Town Area, Achnera in Agara District, is reported to be fasting to check rowdyism and lawlessness prevailing there. His health, it is stated, is rapidly breaking down.

BLACK-MARKET

Five prominent merchants of Shikohabad were arrested at Manipuri for alleged selling of iron sheets in black-market. The police on receiving the information raided the workshop of one of the merchants and seized about 26 sheets of iron.

AGRA MUNICIPAL STRIKE

It is learnt that the U.P. Government have accepted the recommendation of the Agra Municipality that the salary for the strike period of 1,200 sweepers, who had gone on strike for eleven days, should be paid.

QUESTIONS OUTSIDE SYLLABUS

Re-Examination Ordered

CALCUTTA, Dec 9 (PTI)—A number of students appearing at the M.A (Commerce) examination of the Calcutta University which commenced today, left the hall immediately after question papers on Economics (compulsory) were distributed, complaining that the questions put were outside the syllabus for the course.

The students later approached the head of the Economic Department and other professors for remedy.

On the intervention of the professors, the matter was taken up by the Syndicate of the University at a special meeting this evening, when it was decided that a fresh examination would be held.

Pakistan Jute Stabilises

DACCA, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter).—The Pakistan Jute Board announced here today that jute prices in East Bengal had stabilised further during the past fortnight and the average price was rupees 1/8/- above the minimum fixed by the Government.

Shipping arrangements at Chittagong port were no longer an obstacle for the movement of jute to foreign countries, it was stated, and an average of about 60,000 tons of jute per month was being carried to Chittagong for shipping by rail and river transport.

Waste Lands For Cultivation

BOMBAY, Friday. The Government of Bombay has empowered the Collectors of districts to relax the existing orders for disposal of Government waste lands in their discretion in cases where persons have cultivated lands for a number of years in adjoining villages, having regard to the circumstances of each case. At present waste lands are to be disposed of to the residents of the village only.

Shukla Praises "Nishan"

NAGPUR, Dec 9.

Presiding over the premiere of "Gemini's NISHAN" (Hindi) at Liberty Cinema this evening, Premier Pandit Shukla paid a warm tribute to Mr. S. S. Vasan for having produced such a fine picture. He said that "NISHAN" was something different and not only entertaining but also of educative value.

G.-G. Visits Refugees' Exhibition

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (PTI): Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General today visited the exhibition of refugee handicrafts opened here in the morning.

The exhibition, organised by the women's section of the Rehabilitation Ministry, displays works of embroidery knitting and tailoring by refugee women of the twelve work and training centres of the Rehabilitation Ministry. Over 3,000 women were learning trades at these centres, earning their livelihood by working on the material supplied by the Ministry.

KANPUR MILLMEN TO STRIKE

KANPUR, Dec. 9 (PTI)—The executive committee of the Kanpur Suti Mill Mazdoor Union today decided to serve notice of general strike on all local mills as a protest against the declaration of lock-out for an indefinite period in one of the mills.

The lockout followed unwillingness of the workers to work on four looms instead of two without getting any compensatory allowance. The lockout a fortnight ago is understood to have rendered nearly 1,500 workers idle.

ITALIAN FLOOD HAVOC

Damage running into many thousands of pounds has been caused by the heavy floods which followed the torrential rains throughout many Italian provinces. Large areas were inundated in the Pisa, Florence, Leghorn and Piobino districts. Photo shows a young lady salvaging some of her poultry in the Emilia area during the floods.

DURHAM WINS AN INTERESTING GAME

Alec Sequeira Cup Billiards

BOMBAY, Friday.

G. Durham defying a handicap of 250 points succeeded in accounting for A. J. Francis (—250) in an interesting match this evening in the Alec Sequeira Cup Billiard Championship. Durham beat his opponent by 250 points to 211. Two breaks of over 40, one of 62 and the other of 41, were among the numerous breaks that were recorded by Durham during the course of the evening. Francis had two breaks, one of 59 and the other of 41, which helped him to reach the total of 211 against his better fancied opponent.

In the other match of the evening A. Reynolds beat S. N. Sanyal convincingly by 250 points to 170. Each of the players started with an identical handicap—of 325. To Reynolds were credited two breaks of over 40, one of 42 and the other of exactly 40.

JAPAN WILL MOSTLY BE ADMITTED

Soviet May Be Out Of 1952 Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9. (PTI-Reuter).

Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the United States Olympic Committee, said here he thought Japan would be represented in 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.

Speaking at the annual national convention of the Amateur Athletic Union, Mr. Brundage said a number of athletic organisations in Japan had been reinstated to olympic status.

He expressed doubt that the Soviet Union would be represented. No overtures to get into the olympics had been made by the Russians.

"To my knowledge, there is no Olympic Committee in Russia, which is a necessity to gain a country admission into the olympic fold", he said.

Reporting on the progress being made for the 1952 games, he expressed the opinion that there would be no reduction in the number of olympic events. He thought more nations than the 60 who participated in the 1948 games in London would be represented in Helsinki.

Six Teams To Compete For Inter-Varsity Wrestling

BANGALORE, Dec. 9 (PTI).

Six Universities are contesting in the Inter-University Wrestling Tournament conducted here by the Mysore University.

The Universities participating are Mysore, Travancore, Poona, Allahabad, Aligarh and East Punjab.

The bout will be held in the Intermediate College Quadrangle on December Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, and Eighteen.

The bouts, which will be conducted according to "catch as catch can rules," under which the world olympic wrestling bouts are conducted will be for flyweight, bantam weight feather weight, light weight, and welter weight. Each University is entitled to send two wrestlers for each weight.

After "weighing-in" of the wrestlers on December 15 the draw will be announced on the spot.

NOBLE CHALLENGE CUP

25 Mile Time Trial Cycle Race On Sunday

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A 25 Miles Time Trial Cycle Race will be organised by the Merry Wheelers on Sunday 11th December 1949. The race will start at 6-45 a.m. sharp at Marine Drive, opposite Marine Lines Railway Station, the entry fee for the same being Rs. 2 per head. Entries will be accepted at the above address by the Hon. Secretary Merry Wheelers upto 9 p.m. Friday 9th December 1949.

The following India's top-class cyclists and some of the Olympic representatives of this country will compete to attack Sidney Corder's record timing of 1 hr. 3 mins. for the distance.

P. R. Sarkari	(Empire Wheelers)
Adi Patel	"
R. J. Mullafiroze	"
J.F. Amin	"
R.P. Elavia	"
P. Kerawalla	"
H. Havewalla	(Bombay Cycling Club)
K Pastakia	"
M.K. Mody	"
P. Damania	"
Keki Printer	"
A Menezzes	(Swastik Cycling Club)

BHATIA SPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The competition in "Hutu Tutu" race for Bhatia Institutions will be held on Sunday the 11th instant at 7 a.m sharp (S.T.) at Grant Medical College Gymkhana ground and that in Grinding Grains by "Hand Ghanti" race for Bhatia Ladies (open) will take place on the same day at 3 p.m. at Bhatia Mahajan Wadi Kalbadevi.

Jones Leads Selvaraj In Billiard Final

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI)

Wilson Jones, the Bombay champion and the conqueror of the English champion in the semi-final this year, led T. A. Selvaraj of Bangalore at the half-time stage of the final of the All-India Amateur Billiards Championship played at the Great Eastern Hotel tonight by over 250 points after four hours play. The scores at the half-way mark read: Wilson Jones 1388; T. A Selvaraj (in play 15 unfinished) 1123.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

Previous closing	30.21
Today's opening	30.27
Difference	+06
Today's closing	30.22
Difference	+01

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY Dec 9

Silver Forward	Rs	171 2
Gold Forward		112 8
Silver Bullion		171 8
Silver Mint		172 0
Gold Ready		113 12
Sovereign		76 0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK Dec 9

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol 28 1/8
General Motors d.l 68 1/8
United States Steel Common dol 26
United States Steel Preference unquoted.

PACIFISTS MUST ACT TO PREVENT WAR

Dr. Roy On Non-Violence Of The Strong

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI).

THE West Bengal Premier Dr. B. C. Roy, said here tonight that Pacifists must act and act to prevent nations from coming to a stage when war became inevitable. They must stop future Hitlers and Mussolinis in ourselves from waging another, war, he added.

Speaking at a public reception this afternoon to delegates to the World Pacifist Meeting, now in Calcutta, Dr. Roy said if Pacifism meant passivity then ninety percent of the people of this country were Pacifists, because they did not care to intervene when urchins in Calcutta set fire to tram cars.

This was not Pacifism as he understood it or Mahatma Gandhi defined it. The non-violence that Gandhiji practised and preached was "non-violence of the strong and not of the weak" he said.

Earlier, Dr. Roy welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Province and four of them responded.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of the Howard University, declared that so long there were colour discrimination, colonial exploitation or 'have-nots' in the world, war could not be ruled out. He complained that there were not only Catholic and Protestant curches in the United States but also "white" and "black" churches. This race superiority must be eradicated with "soul force" as Mahatma Gandhi called it.

LEARNING FROM INDIA

Miss Pao Tseng of China said that she had come to India to learn from her the principles of truth and non-violence preached by India's saints through the centuries. She had come to take home the new spiritual teachings from India as of old. That India could gain her independence through non-violence, was a testimony that she could still lead the nations of the world in spirituality.

Narrating his personal experiences of Mahatma Gandhi during the Labour Congress session in 1929, Mr. Reginald Reylonds of Britain said that the world outside did not know what a great contribution Mahatma Gandhi had made for India's development in all aspects. Basic education, constructive work, removal of untouchability and Hindu-Muslim unity formed the main work of Mahatma Gandhi in his lated years. He hoped that the world suffering from fear complex would learn from the Mahatma's teachings.

M. Henri Roser (France) said that colonialism was a great stumbling block on the way of world peace. He appealed to the nations not to exploit smaller nations through colonialism.

About sixty delegates including 50 from foreign countries attended the reception which was presided over by Maharani Sucharu Devi of Mayurbhanj.

Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race In April

LONDON, Dec. 9. (PTI-Reuter).

The annual Oxford and Cambridge boat race from Putney to Mortlake on the Thames will be held on April 1, the Port of London authority confirmed today.

SMUGGLERS CLASH WITH CUSTOMS

One Injured On Either Side

MADRAS, Dec. 9 (UPI)—A report from Vakkur, about six miles from Villupuram, says that a clash occurred on the night of Dec. 7 between a party of smugglers and some members of the Customs staff. Fire was opened on the smugglers and one of the smugglers was injured.

It transpires that the smugglers were carrying some bags of sugar from the adjoining French Indian territory into the Indian Union territory. On their being challenged by the Customs staff the smugglers are stated to have thrown stones and other missiles at them as a result of which the Inspector of Customs was injured. After warning fire was subsequently opened on the smugglers and one of them was injured. All the smugglers except the one who was injured fled leaving the sugar bags on the spot.

The injured Customs Inspector and smuggler have been admitted as in patients in the local hospital.

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REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 50th Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, December 11, 1949 to Saturday, December 17, 1949, has been fixed as follows:—

	For Adult (2 Food-grains Units).	For Child (1 Food-grains Unit).	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	84 ozs.	42 ozs.	28 ozs.
Maximum available in (a) Raw Rice Sort I-A (if available) or (b) Raw Rice Sort I or (c) Boiled Rice Sort I or	20 ozs.	10 ozs.	4 ozs.
(d) Raw Rice Sort II	10 ozs.	5 ozs.	Nil
Maximum available in Bajri (available only against equivalent quantity of rice or wheat-grain).	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheat of which	56 ozs.	28 ozs.	20 ozs.
(a) Maximum available in Wheatgrain	32 ozs.	16 ozs.	16 ozs.
(b) Maximum available in Wheatflour	56 ozs.	28 ozs.	20 ozs.
(c) Additional Wheatgrain or Wheatflour available in exchange for Rice quantum	20 ozs.	10 ozs.	4 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.

(The combined ration of Rice, Wheatgrain and Bajri should not exceed 52 ozs. and in case of supplementary rations 20 ozs. wheatflour or milo cannot be exchanged for Bajri).

(16 ozs make one lb.)

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat available in the ration quantum at the rate of one Bread Unit for 28 ozs. of wheat ration. One Bread Unit is equivalent to 28 ozs. of bread. Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

As a measure to reduce consumption of Rice, cardholders are allowed to draw their rice quota wholly or in part in wheatgrain or wheatflour. The combined Rice-Wheat quota should not exceed 76 ozs. of which only 20 ozs will be available in Rice.

SUGAR

The quantum of Sugar for the 50th Rationing Week will be 6 ozs. per ration card.

INDIAN FILMS

"Dhanyavad" In Sixth Week

Now running in its sixth successful week at the Capitol, "Dhanvavad" a topical tale by the noted Roy Kinikar, is proving popular with family audiences. The story has the stage for a background, and depicted to the adventures that befall an actress and a patrict who is forced to underground in order to break a black market ring. Hansa Wadkar gives a charming performance as the idealistic actress, while Sajjan is cast as the patriot Lalita Pawar is prominent in the role of Hansa's friend, who saves her from the unwelcome attentions of the producer of the company.

DRAMATIC FEAST AT XAVIER'S COLLEGE

The Independent Players, a group consisting of talented and seasoned Amateurs of Bombay, are putting on the well-known farce in 3 Acts "The Whole Town's Talking" at the St. Xavier's College Hall on 15th (6-30 P.M.), 18th (9-30 P.M.) and 21st (6-30 P.M.) December 1949.

"The Whole Town's Talking" written by Anita Loos and John Emerson is the hilarious story of Chester Binney, a plain and simple man, and his attempts to win the girl of his heart.

She believes that men who have "sowed their wild oats" make better husbands and finds him too dull and uninteresting. In an attempt to make himself a "man of the world" Chester Binney fakes up a very lurid past.

What happens when this faked past boomerangs upon him makes "The Whole Town's Talking" a worthy successor to Anita Loos' "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

The cast consists of Bill Linford, Pheroze Madon, Gillian Burton, Maki Seervai, Zarin Wadia, Minoo Daver, Cecil Raymond, Louise Nuelle, Reda Holmes, Tonny Roodhuyzen, Leslie Leveroy and others.

The proceeds of the shows will go to the St. Xavier's College Dramatic Club.

Plans are open at S. Rose and Company and tickets are priced at Rs. 7/-, Rs. 5/4/- and Rs. 2/10/- including tax.

"The Whole Town's Talking" is produced by Bill Linford and Deryck Jeffereis and directed by Adi Marzban.

New and Comfortable chairs are being specially provided for these three shows and special platforms have been made to ensure a better view of the stage.

"NISHAN" STILL VERY POPULAR

Gemini's "Nishan", produced with authenticity and containing a plethora of thrilling episodes, retains its great popularity at the Opera House, Jai Hind and Rivoli. From an adaptation of the Dumas melodrama "The Corsican Brothers", the film stars dashing Ranjan, beautiful Bhanumati and the villainous Nagendra Rao. Production values are brilliant, and this picture should provide eye-filling spectacle to suit all tastes.

Brilliant Colour Film Comes Next Week

"AJIT" DUE FOR RELEASE AT NEW EMPIRE

Yashodhara Katju in "Ajit"

An event of the first magnitude, India's first Ansco colour film will have its national premiere at the New Empire Theatre. The Kodachrome-Ansco process is the latest thing in coloured motion pictures, and the story of "Ajit", set, as it is, in medieval Rajputana, lends itself particularly well to the use of this process, which brings to life all the pomp and pageantry, the splendour and elegance of a bygone age.

The film has been produced with spectacular lavishness, and the opulance of the settings and the eye-filling qualities of the period costumes are thoroughly in keeping with the magnificence of the subject.

Aside from the purely visual aspects of the film, we are promised some fine music and some rare humour, which, when allied to a well-conceived plot, promises to make for sumptuous cinematic fare. Shot on location at Gwalior, the film is the result of the combined efforts of four expert cameramen, while the stars are Monica Desai, Yeshodara Katju, Gope, Premnath and Nyampalli.

Shown privately in the United States to a distinguished audience, the film received a high measure of praise. Expecting a very great demand from the public, the management of the New Empire has already opened its advance booking offices. Simultaneously with its release at the New Empire, the picture also opens at the Minerva.

"Rakhi" Popular In N. India

SOON TO BE SHOWN IN BOMBAY

Having achieved a notable success at Amritsar and other centres of the north, Prakash's "Rakhi" is soon to be released at a prominent theatre. Sparing neither finance nor labour, Prakash Pictures have endeavoured to make this picture the success of the season. In order to do justice to the powerful plot, a cast strong in popular names has been assembled for this production. Kamini Kaushal, Karan Diwan, Gope, Yeshodara Katju, Kuldeep and Ulhas are all said to give powerful performances, while directed Shanti Kumar has handled the film with a thorough understanding of the dramatic material. Music in the film was composed by the famous Hasanlal-Bhagatram combination.

"Shabnam" Heading For Jubillee

In spite of a spate of new releases, Filmistan's thrilling and melodious "Shabnam" is still a tremendous success with Bombay audiences. Comoining all the elements that make for success at the box-office, "Shabnam" stars the popular combination of Kamini Kaushal and Dilip Kumar. The film has been directed by Bibhuti Mittra and the lovely song lyrics have been charmingly set to music by that very fine singer and musician, Sachin Dev Varman. The picture is rapidly approaching its jubilee week at the Roxy in a run of well deserved merit.

STUNT STAR BHAGWAN IN THE SOCIAL FIELD

Bhagwan, now starring in "Jeete Raho" at the New Roshan, has made a departure from his usual Douglas Fairbanks roles and has come up with a social. Bhagwan himself has written the story and adapted it for the screen, a tale dealing with the problem of zamindari. The film gives full scope for Bhagwan's robust acting, and audiences who are used to Bhagwan only as a stunt star pure and simple, will be pleasantly surprised to see him in this film. "Jeete Raho" has been directed by Krishna Kumar, while Lalit Kumar was in charge of the production.

"Uddhar" Opens At Krishna

Released yesterday and screened before enthusiastic audiences, Pratibha Chitra Mandir's social picture "Uddhar" commenced its run at the Krishna. With a cast strong in audience appeal, the leads in this film are played by glamorous Munawar Sultana and handsome Dev Anand, while Nirupa Roy, Bharat Bhusan and Ram Singh lend adequate support.

Directed by S. S. Kulkarni, the music for the picture was composed by Vasant Desai.

"DILLAGI" In Excelsior And Palace

As the contract with the Liberty allowed only a ten week's run, Kardar's "Dillagi" is being withdrawn from this week. But due to the overwhelming popularity of the picture with the public, it has been booked for immediate release at the Excelsior and Palace, where it is going to be shown from this week.

With an attractive musical score composed by Naushad and some beautiful singing by Suraiya, the film has proved successful with all classes of the public

"MEENA BAZAR" WELL UNDER WAY

The Pancholi production "Meena Bazar", a musical comedy romance is more than half completed. Combining the wizardry of which he is undoubtedly capable with his natural flair for showmanship, this enterprising producer is said to be creating a film that will not lack any of the ingredients of success. Dealing with life on the stage—this theme seems to be quite in vogue these days—the film is based on a story by Pancholi himself. Those who have heard the songs report that the musical score of Husanlal and Bhagatram is the finest they have ever written. The stars of this forthcoming attraction are Nargis and Shyam, while Sapru, Gope, Kanaiyalal and Kuldeep are cast prominently in support.

Ramola And Dev Anand Star In "Stage"

Jeevandas Chandna, who will be widely remembered for his film "Arsi" is now busy with his new production "Stage" at the Bombay Talkies. The roster of talent that has been marshalled for this production includes Ramola, Dev Anand, Kuldip, Mubarak, Ramsingh, Gulab and Cuckoo, and we are promised some tuneful numbers by those versatile musicians Husanlal and Bhagatram. A dramatic human tale, "Stage" has been directed by Vijay Mhatre with photography by Prakash Malhotra.

Shashikala in "Nazare"

"Nazaare" Proving Popular At Three Theatres

Running well at the New West End, Broadway and Paradise, Ranjit's spectacular social is drawing capacity crowds. With a background of life in the States and with a plot dealing with stage life, "Nazaare" stars Sashikala and Aga in the leading roles. The numerous songs have been suitably incorporated into the body of the ed by Bulo C. Rani. Containing some apropriate and witty dialogue, the film story, and the music has been provid- offers great scope for a lavish treatment of the spectacular, while the richness of the settings is a notable feature of the production.

Written and directed by Prahlad Dutt, the picture abounds in several comedy situations.

Suraiya Gives Many-Sided Performance In "Natak"

Suraiya in "Natak"

"Natak" the new Kardar production which was lately released at the Super Cinema has been doing record business at the box-office. Suraiya, cast as a humble washerwoman's daughter who aspires to marry a prince is in turn a carefree sweetheart, a dejected wife and an anxious mother who is practically driven to a demi-mondaine existence in trying to provide for her child. She acts with ease and assurance in all these parts, and the sincerity of her acting will gain her many new friends.

Naushad as usual has provided the music, and while it is certainly not his best effort, it is pleasant enough, a quavvali song deserving special mention. Supporting Suraiya are Amar, Sofia, Pratima Devi, Shyam Kumar and Kanwar, while the film was directed by Sunny.

HALDIA-NANDA'S "SINGAAR" COMING NEXT FRIDAY

Suraiya, perhaps the one star whose pictures are uniformly successful at the box-office, is neither the typical screen siren nor an artificially created beauty. The secret of her popularity with all classes of people probably lies in the fact that she is a wholly natural and unspoiled young woman. This fact is not apparent merely on the screen, but also in real life, and those who have been privileged to work with her declare that she is most easy to get along with.

Director J. K. Nanda, who was responsible for Suraiya's memorable "Parwana" opposite the great Saigal once again wields the megapone in "Singaar". Suraiya is cast as a young doctor's wife in the film, and co-starring with her is that popular actor Jairaj, who is said to give a memorable and sincere portrayal. The rapidly rising Madhubala, vivacious and beautiful, completes the stellar trio, while veteran Durga Khote is reported to have given one of the most memorable performances of her distinguished career. Pleasant music by Khurshid Anwar provides an additional attraction in this lavishly produced film.

"NAACH" SHOWS HOW TO BE HAPPY

Produced by enterprising Kuldip Sehgal, "Naach", currently showing at the Kamal, Surya and Bandra Talkies, is a film that shows us how to be happy even when we are under deep emotional stress, proving that every day drudgery need not be a bar to the pursuit of happiness.

Starring ever popular Suraiya, "Naach" has most of the ingredients of entertainment, and also has Shyam Om Prakash and Wasti in a star-studded cast. It has a fast moving plot dealing with dancing, and the lilting tunes considerably enhance the incidents of the story.

Wasti and Kuldip in "Naach"

EDUCATION DRIVE IN GUJERAT

Bombay Governor's Tribute

BOMBAY, Friday.

A tribute to the impressive account of the activities of the Ahmedabad Education Society and of the various arts, science and commerce colleges which are conducted by it was paid by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, in a speech at the Seth Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Arts College, Ahmedbad, on December 9.

One fact was especially interesting the Governor observed. It was that there had been no dearth of munificent donors in Gujarat; Seths Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Amratlal Hargivindas, Ramanlal Lallubhai, Navinchandra Mafatlal and others, he said, deserved the grateful thanks of the public of Ahmedabad and Gujarat for their generous appreciation of the needs of higher education.

NO CHECK TO CLOTH PRODUCTION

C. P. Premier's Warning To Cotton Merchants

NAGPUR, Dec. 9, (PTI): The Premier, Pandit R. S. Shukla told a five-man delegation of cotton merchants this evening that the Government could not allow a situation to develop in this province that might hamper cloth production. No tevtile mill should be forced to close down for want of adequate supplies of raw cotton in the markets.

The premier made it clear to the delegation that it was their duty to supply kapas (unginned cotton) to mills in the province and to keep up cloth production within the province unhampered by any short supply of kapas.

ISSUE OF RENT RECEIPTS

Advice To Landlords

BOMBAY, Friday: It has come to the notice of the Government of Bombay that there are a number of cases where rent receipts are issued in the name of old tenants though the normal tenants are quite different persons and in a number of cases it has been noticed that the rent bills are issued in the names of people who are dead long since.

As there is a chance of confusion arising during the course of investigations of suppressed vacancy reports as a result of this state of affairs, the landlords and the tenants are advised that, in their own interest, they should get the rent receipts transferred to the names of the existing 'legal' tenants.

This suggestion is given in the interests of the parties themselves in order to avoid unnecessary complications.

REVENUE SCHOOLS FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday.

It is learnt that the Government of Bombay is likely to soon start three revenue schools in the Three Revenue Divisions of the Province to train the revenue clerks in accounts, drafting and noting. The course is expected to last for three months and 600 men are expected to be trained every year. The object of the scheme is to train Kulkarnis in revenue work in view of the merger of States and the abolition of land tenures.—It is also leant that there is a proposal to appoint stipandiary talatis for talati work.

Establishment Schedule Of B. E. S. T.

BOMBAY, Friday: "The B.E.S.T. Manager is not legally bound to provide the Establishment Schedule with the B.E.S.T. budget." This was the ruling given by Mr. Salebhai Abdul Kader, Chairman of the Standing Committee, at a meeting of the Committee held today, in the point of order raised by Mr. Dinker Desai, at a former meeting of the Committee, to the effect, that the budget estimates were not complete as they were not accompanied by the Establishment Schedule.

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COMPENSATION IN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

Bill To Create The Machinery Passed

NEW DELHI, December 9 (P.T.I.).

INDIAN Parliament today enacted two measures, both amending bills, one to amend the Railway Act and the other the Electricity Supply Act.

The first bill which was debated almost for whole of yesterday and was passed by the House in the morning had a two-fold purpose, to simplify the procedure in respect of carriage of goods at railway risk and to create a machinery to award automatic compensation to the sufferers in railway accident.

The second measure which was passed today was a minor one sponsored by Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister of Works, Mines and Power. The bill enabled the Central and Provincial Governments to appoint part time members to the Central and Provincial Electricity Boards. Under the act passed last year, it was incumbent upon the Central Government to appoint at least three members working wholetime in the Central Board while the Provincial Boards must consist wholly of full time members.

BIG TALKS

The bill evoked unexpected opposition. Mr. H. V. Kamath complained about "paper acts and bills" and 'big talks" by the Government without any of the schemes being implemented. He said that it was a slur on the Government to admit the paucity of personnel to fill 20 or 30 seats in the Board. He thought the bill was an admission of the Government's failure to carry out the provisions of the original act which the Minister had characterised as a "revolutionary one".

Dr. P. R. Deshmukh and Mr. Lakshmi Narain Sahu also criticised the bill in similar vein.

Minister N. V. Gadgil defended the bill vehemently and said that nothing prevented Government from employing wholetime members on the Board, but the scarcity of suitable engineers, the inadequacy of work in the early stages and the need of economy were the main reasons for the introduction of the measure.

The Constitution of a Central Board on Censorship and authority to certify films and the abolition of Provincial Boards were envisaged in a bill which was taken into consideration by the House on a motion by Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting.

The bill will empower the Government to direct compulsory exhibition of documentary and news reels and indigenous films. Power to suspend exhibition is given to the Provincial Governments in the interest of law and order and is restricted to only two months.

The House had not concluded the first reading when it rose for the day.

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, who introduced the Bill to amend Railways Act, said that he was prepared to accept an amendment to the clause which absolved the railways of any liability for damage caused to goods carried in open wagons due to non-availability of covered wagons at owners risk. The amendment made it clear that the railways would be absolved of any liability only when the damage was due to the goods being carried in such open wagons.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS

Why Parttime Personnel

The House then took up for consideration the bill to amend the Electricity Act 1948, on a motion by Mr. N. V Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power.

This step, Mr. Gadgil said, was taken in view of "acute shortage of engineering personnel, inadequacy of work in the early stages as well as urgent need of economy".

He assured the House that the appointment of parttime members would not in any way affect the impartiality of the authority or dimjnish any confidence which the authority would be able to instil among the public.

Opposing the bill Mr. H. V. Kamath said that the Minister sought to put a fine gloss over the real state of affairs with a "smokescreen of words to cover up the failure of the Government to implement the provisions of the Electricity Act.

The Act aroused ardent hopes in the hearts of Indians but today the ardour of the Minister seems to have been dampended by what happened in the first 15 months. We have paper acts and bills but when the question of implementation comes, difficulties arise. We talk big but act little.

LIVE DANGEROUSLY

"I hope our Government will take courage in both hands and live dangerously if necessary. Otherwise there is no hope for this country. We must implement at least some of the schemes if not all", he said.

Instead of proceeding in a lighthearted manner with "this parttime measure", it would be wise for the Government to await for better days. It was a "slur on India" to admit that the country could not produce 20 or 31 persons to fill up the posts.

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh (C.P.) expressing his "disappointment" said, when they passed the Act in 1948, they were told that the work would require three full time members and the Board should be independent. But now there was alteration in those plans.

Mr. P. V. Pataskar (Bombay) felt that the amending bill only sought to remove the statutory obligation on the part of the Government to have full time members on the Board. It did not mean that the Government could not have any full-time members. If personnel were available, and if finances permitted, he was sure, Government would have full time members.

TOO BIG SCHEMES

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi (United Provinces) thought the Bill was "rather good." He felt that it was not due to scarcity of personnel that the Bill was being brought forward but due to scarcity of finances.

"In the beginning when we got independence our heads, the heads of the whole nation, got swollen. We began to soar very high with big schemes. We never cared to know the strength of our pocket. We began to compete with the U.K. and U.S.A. in their schemes, dignity, etc. The result is that today even essential programmes were at a standstill."

ELOQUENCE WASTED

Mr. Gadgil said he was surprised that so much eloquence had been wasted on "such an unimportant measure." Referring to Mr. Kamath's statement that no progress had been made in electricity generation, Mr. Gadgil, giving figures, said that in 1947 the power generated was 4,073 million kwts hour.

This had increased by 12 per cent in 1948 to 4,575 million kwts hour and, if the present rate of generation was maintained, in the current year it would increase by 20 per cent to 4,900 million kwts hour.

The bill was then passed.

CERTIFYING FILMS

Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting then moved that the Bill to amend the Cinematograph Act of 1918 be taken into consideration.

The Bill in main seeks to extend the Cinematograph Act to States and States Unions and confer power on the Central Government to constitute a Central Authority for certifying and examining films for public exhibition.

Apart from conferring powers of rule making on the Central Government it seeks to empower the Central Government to uncertify films and convert 'U' Certificates into 'A' Certificates.

Commending the bill Mr. Diwakar pointed out that under the present system of certification, several independent Boards had been functioning, each deriving authority from its respective Government and it was not possible to evolve any uniform policy. Films certified by one board were often uncertified in other Provinces.

There was nothing to prevent a film which had been rejected by one Board from being submitted to another and passed by it. The result was that censorship failed to command the respect it ought to and exercise any influence in raising the standard of films as a medium of education and healthy entertainment.

The bill sought to remove the anomalies.

CURRENTLESS ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

Members of the Indian Parliament buttoned up their coats and snuggled under their shawls as the lighting and heating arrangements in the chamber failed for a while today.

The House was then discussing the Electricity Amendment Bill.

Skylights were opened and heavy window-curtains drawn aside to admit all possible light into the Chamber.

THREE BILLS IN PARLIAMENT

Three bills were introduced in Parliament today relating to administration of evacuee property, establishment of a Central Appellate Tribunal for industrial disputes and amendment of the Inland Steam-Vessels Act, 1917.

Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena, Rehabilitation Minister, introduced the bill to provide for the administration of evacuee property and for certain matters connected therewith.

The bill seeks to re-enact the ordinance called the Administration of Evacuee Property Ordinance, promulgated on October 18, 1949, which is due to expire in April, 1950.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister of Labour, itroduced a bill to provide for the establishment of an Appellate Tribunal in relation to industrial disputes and for certain matters incidental thereto.

The bill would enable the setting up of a Central Appellate Authority which would, by its decisions, coordinate the activities of the large number of Industrial Tribunals set up by the Central and Provincial Governments.

The Appellate Tribunal would consist of a Chairman and other members, to be appointed by the Central Government, who would be persons generally of the status of High Court Judges.

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport, introduced a bill to amend further the Inland Steam-Vessels Act, 1917, to give effect to a procedure jointly agreed to by India and Pakistan to maintain uninterrupted working of the river services in North-East India.

Parliament Queries

Production Of Steel Up

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI): Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, Minister of Industry and Supply, told Parliament in reply to Mr R. K. Sidhwa that the plan for the erection of two plants, one in Central Provinces and the other in Orissa, would cost Rs. 90 crores each. The matter required very careful consideration by the Government in view of the present financial position. In considering the plan, Government would give the Central Provinces first priority. The factory would be planned to produce 500,000 tons of steel per annum. The Government had spent Rs. 4 lakhs for the reports of the consultants.

The Industry Minister told the same member that by March 1951, the entire surplus disposal stocks would be liquidated and the department closed The Government were anxious to see that they were properly distributed among the Government institutions and private industries.

PRODUCTION HIGH

The Industry Minister said in reply to another question that the production in the first three quarters of 1949 had shown an upward trend in respect of steel, cement, paper and board, diesel engines. hurricane lantern, sewing machines, etc. while cotton textiles, machine tools, bicycles, some drugs and chemicals had registered a fall in production.

The Central Advisory Council of Industries had recommended the setting up of working parties and fixing of targets for important industries. The Government had accepted these recommendations and were now engaged in implementing them.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in a written reply said that the Federal Court had been requested to make suitable provision in its rules for the enrolment of advocates of the high courts of acceding States.

The Commerce Minister said India had been exporting sugar immediately after the war to Persian Gulf Sheikhdoms, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal. The approximate quantities of sugar exported in 1947-48 and 1948-49 were 7,614 tons and 15,169 tons.

INCENTIVE TO TEXTILES

In a written reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, the Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy stated that millowners were given an extra of ten per cent over the standard ex-mill price fixed on textiles for the purposes of export if they exported the cloth themselves. When the goods were sold to others for export, they could charge only eight per cent.

The extra margin of eight per cent was allowed with a view to giving them an incentive to produce the varieties particularly required for export and also to cover any additional expenses incurred in connection with marketing of their products in foreign markets, and packng.

REFUGEE RELIEF

Mr. Mohanlal Saksena, Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation, said in Parliament today that there were no schemes for the absorption in agriculture of refugees from East Bengal in Assam or Bihar. He said that the Assam Government felt that though land was available because of the difficulties of Tribal people and also due to the land being on the hills, such resettlement was not possible.

In respect of Bihar, the Minister said, there was no land available for resettlement.

NO ESTIMATE OF PROPERTIES

The other points made by Mr. Saksena in reply to other questions on refugee rehabilitation and evacuee property were:

Government had no estimate of evacuee property of Indian nationals left behind in Pakistan or that of Pakistan nationals in India. They had suggested to the Pakistan Government the setting up of a Joint Assessment Board to evaluate the properties, but the Pakistan Government had so far been resisting the suggestion.

These properties did not include those left behind in East Bengal as there was an agreement between the two governments excluding the application of the evacuee property law to East and West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Manipur.

REFUGEES ACCOMMODATED

Nearly two and a half lakh refugees had been accommodated in evacuee and other houses in Delhi. The quota for Delhi was three lakhs of refugees.

About 60 per cent of the refugees originally kept in various camps had been rehabilitated. The peak camp population was 9,58,000 in May 1948 and it came down to 6,48,200 at the end of October 1949.

Government had no statistics of Hindu-owned firms and business concerns that had been seized by the Pakistan Government. According to information available, three or four Hindu concerns were still functioning in Lahore and a handful in Karachi. It was not known whether notices had been served on these also, but generally Pakistan authorities took over concerns without notice.

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, in a written reply, said that the Government of India had drawn the Pakistan Government's attention to allegations about the seizure of properties of non-Muslims but the Pakistan Government had denied. The Government of India was still trying to settle the problem of evacuee property in the two countries by negotiation. Only when these efforts failed, would they consider the adoption of other courses.

HYDERABAD STATE CONGRESS CHIEF

Mr. D.G. Bindu Elected

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 9 (U.P.I.): Mr. D. G. Bindu has been elected uncontested as the President of the Hyderabad State Congress for the ensuing year, the remaining seven contestants having withdrawn their candidature on the advice tendered by Sardar Patel.

The general Secretary of the State Congress in a statement says: "Eight names had been proposed for the presidentship of the Hyderabad State Congress for the ensuing year. Now that all candidates except Mr. D. G. Bindu have withdrawn their candidature. Mr. Bindu is hereby declared elected uncontested as the President of the Hyderabad State Congress for the ensuing year."

HYDERABAD LEADERS AGREE

Sardar's Intervention

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (PTI): The two rival groups of the Hyderabad State Congress have agreed to resolve their differences and support the candidature of Mr. Digambar Nath Bindu, a member of the State Congress Working Committee, for the Presidentship of the State Congress. It is learnt here today.

The agreement was reached following a discussion which the leaders of the two groups, Swami Ramanand Tirth and Mr. Ramakrishna Rao, had with Sardar Patel. Swami Ramanand Tirth, it is stated, agreed to withdraw his candidature for the Presidentship and accept Mr. Bindu as the common candidate.

The State Congress leaders left for Hyderabad today.

SATYAGRAHA IN DEORIA

Socialists To Continue Campaign

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 9.

The Executive Committee of the U.P. Socialist Party, which met at Deoria (Gorakhpur) has decided to continue its Satyagraha there. The committee also decided to make the Deoria Satyagraha a provincial issue and has formed a sub-committee to look into the financial side of it and arrange the time and date of the arrival of the Satyagrahis from other district.

The Committee decided to start a Hindi daily from Lucknow within two months for which the shares would be sold by members in the different districts.

It may be recalled that in August last, many Socialist Satyagrahis, were imprisoned and fined in Deoria. The Socialists demanded exemption for Deoria Kisans from the payment of rent for rabi crop, settlement in uncultivated land, provision for foodgrains in deficit areas. The Socialists alleged that famine conditions prevailed in Deoria.

The Socialists are sending a deputation, to the Central Government to complain against the Provincial Government's treatment of Kisans in Deoria.

CONGRESS REPLY

While Socialists are preparing for the next round in Deoria Satyagraha, Congress leaders are contacting Kisans in Farrukhabad, where the U.P. Political Conference is being held today. While admission to this conference is usually by ticket, thousands of kisans are to be freely admitted to this Conference. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is arriving today.

FOOD CRISIS IN 'AZAD KASHMIR' AREA

SRINAGAR, Dec. 9 (U.P.I.): An acute food crisis has gripped the "Azad Kashmir" areas of Poonch, Mirpur and Kotli, according to the latest reliable reports received here. Hundreds of people living in these areas are stated to be leaving their hearths and homes daily for the neighbouring Pakistan areas in search of food.

According to these reports the black marketeers and hoarders who are largely responsible for creating these conditions, are doing a roaring business, no food grains being available in the open market and the rationing system having collapsed completely.

TWO INDIAN STUDENTS TO SPEND 10 WEEKS IN U. S.

New York Herald Tribune Forum

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI).

TWO Indian and one Nepalese students have been selected to represent India in the New York Herald Tribune Forum for high schools scheduled for March 4, 1950, it is learnt here.

They are: Miss Usha Roy of Lalbagh Girls High School, Lucknow; Mr. P. Balakrishnan Nair of University College, Travancore; and Mr Tara Prasad Pradhan of Victoria Boy's School, Darjeeling.

The students will leave New Delhi by air about December 22 and will spend ten weeks visiting American homes and schools and representing their country at the Forum

The Indian students were selected by a board composed of non-officials of the Ministry of Education of the Government of India and the American Embassy in New Delhi.

The selection was made on the basis of an essay competition which was held in various educational institutions in India and a preliminary selection of six students (three boys and three girls) was made. These six students were called to New Delhi for a final contest and the two winners were selected from among them.

PROGRAMME

During the ten weeks in America, each student will live in succession in American homes for two-week periods. They will attend classes with their hosts and participate in various local activities They will also participate in classroom discussions and speak to large groups of students about their own homelands.

The Forum on March 4 will meet in New York City for discussions of international questions and to compare on the students' impression of their ten-week visits.

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RENEWED BUYING IN TATA STEEL SHARES

Early Rise Attracts Some Profit-Taking

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

The local Share Bazar was firm today with renewed buying in Steel shares. Yesterday's corrective decline was not carried further as the proposed reduction in Steel price is not likely to have any effect on the retention price. Thus the market again ruled firm on replacement buying by sold out bulls.

As pointed out before the market is more relying on production figures as the same will have marked increase in the earnings. The steady increase in Tata Iron Steel production is encouraging buyers.

Tata Steel Defds. opened today at Rs. 1460 against yesterday's close at Rs 1443/12. There was active buying support and Defds. advanced at Rs. 1475 and steadied at Rs 1472/8. Ordinary shares also after opening at Rs. 301 advanced at Rs. 305. There was active demand for Indian Irons which also after being quoted at Rs. 30/2 steadied at Rs. 30.

There was limited business in cotton mill shares. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1055 and steadied at Rs. 1052/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs 285 and improved at Rs. 286. Svadeshi Mill shares and Nagpurs were quoted at Rs 270 and Rs. 246 respectively. Scindia shares after touching Rs. 14 level were quoted at Rs. 13/15.

Towards the close there was moderate profit-taking and Tata Stel Defds. were done at Rs. 1465 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 303. Bombay Dyeings retreated at Rs 1047/8. Closing tone was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1050	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	285	0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	269	0
Central India Mills (6)	245	0
Simplex Mills (6-6)	185	0
New Great Eastern (8)	154	0
Indore (8-3)	117	8
Gokak Mills (12)	258	0
Century Spinning (15)	241	4
Swan Mills (20)	306	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	138	0
Finlay Mills (15)	258	0
Morarji Gokuldas (S)	455	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	226	4
Meyer (12)	107	8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 11	3
India United Ord. (0-13-0)	11	12
Indian United Defd. (0-2-6)	1	13
Madhusucan Mills (15)	175	0
Podar (S)	132	8
Khatau Makanji (5)	171	1
Swadeshi Coupon	65	8
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	303	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1462	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (7-8)	135	8
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	145	12
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	325	0
Belapur Sugar (9)	215	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	34	8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13	12
Premier Construction	87	0
Tata Chemical	12	9
Tata Oil (2)	49	12
Indian Iron	30	2
Bengal Steel (0-12)	21	13
British Indian Corp. (0-8)	8	14
Indian Copper	2 5	3
Wimco	212	8
Alcock	247	8
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (6)	1472	8
Andhra Valley (30)	1400	0
Tata Hydro (3)	151	8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	55	0
Phoenix (50)	136	4
Indian Mfg.	2920	0
Kurla XD	125	0
Colaba (12)	118	0
New City (1)	163	2
Minerva (12)	137	4
Bradbury (12)	476	4
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5	0
Bharat Mills (8)	29	12
Mysore (4)	164	8
Model Mills (12-2)	175	10
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	690	0
Vishnu Cotton	227	8
Western India (40)	2925	0
Standard (15)	223	12
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	0
Tata Mills (2-3)	50	0
Ahmedabad Advance	240	0
New Ahmedabad	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	260	0
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	0
Berar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-9)	125	0
Ahmedabad New	74	0
Surat Electric (2-3)	127	8
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-9)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12	4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	141	4
Bombay Suburban XR	149	6
Bombay Suburban New	85	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1738	12
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	432	8
Central Bank (1-8)	78	4
Central Bank New (8)	79	0
Bank of India (4)	167	8
Union (0-3)	7	1
Baroda	119	8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	41	0
United Commercial (8)	45	0
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	305	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4250	
Empire (10)	541	4
New India (1-7)	59	8
Jupiter (0-12)	12	10
Vulcan (00-10)	11	13
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B.I.G. (1)	14	14
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	14	0
RAILWAY SHARES		
C.P. (1-14) XD	113	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (103	215	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	120	10
Burma Petrol	1	5
Mackenzie (6)	77	8
Port Canning (3)	60	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	365	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	83	0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	38	12
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16	0
Alembic (15)	150	0
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B S.)	131	4
United Motor	28	0
Associated Cement New (2)	136	4
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydare Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	28	0
Estrella Batteries	32	2
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	56	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1230	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305	0
Hydro Electric (7)	127	8
Bombay Steamer (6)	220	0
Central India (5)	655	0
Swadeshi Mills	127	8
Vishnu Mills (7)	650	0
Lakshmi Mills	267	8
Khatau	100	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	0
Podar Mills (4)	105	10
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	105	10
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	0
Pre. Construction First	100	8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	97	4
Amalgamated	115	8
Habib	72	9
Tata Chemical	126	4
Walchandnagar	130	0
Jupiter	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	110	0
Mackenzie (1st)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mill	50	8
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	12
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	74	8
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Guia Kajamsingh	8	9
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	8
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	8
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	8 6
New Victoria	2	0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4	4
Palton (8)	120	0
Gold Mohor	302	8
New Kaiser Hind	305	0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	145	0
Osmanshahi (16)	240	0
Azamshahi	270	0
Air Services	4	0
Air India Tata	61	0
Hind Motors	5	2
Indian Steam	7 13	6

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

Tata Ordinary 303, Tata Deferred 1462-8, Indian Iron 30-2, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21-13, Bombay Dyeing 1050, Central India 245-10, Gokak 258-12, Kohinoor 285-10, Simplex 185, Swadeshi 269-6, Tata Power 1472-8, Associated Cement 145-10, Belapur 216-4, Bombay Burma (Old) 325, Scindia 13-12, Central Bank 78-4, New India 59-6, Tata 2nd Pref. 135-10.

TATA STEEL PRODUCTION AND DISPATCHES

Messrs. Tata Industries Limited, Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited, report the working of the Company for the quarter ending 30th September 1949.

	Production Tons	Despatches Tons
Pig Iron	259,900	8,000
Steel Ingots	246,300	—
Semi-finished steel for sale	40,000	39,300
Finished Steel	144,500	140,200

RECEIPTS: The gross value of invoices of materials despatched during the quarter ending 30th September, was approximately Rs. 715.11 lakhs.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

The local bullion market was very steady today on buying by Bull operators. There being no announcement of any sale from the Bank, shorts are inclined to cover their unprotected sales. Demand in the ready market remains very limited but the stock being in strong hands, the market is not likely to decline unless the Bank offers.

Posh delivery Silver opened today at Rs. 172-6 and advanced at Rs. 172-15 on renewed buying. At the rise there was moderate liquidation and the market declined at Rs. 172-5 but steadied at Rs. 172-8. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 171-14.

Gold market opened at Rs. 112-6 for Posh delivery and after advancing at Rs. 112-15 steadied at Rs. 112-12. Ready Gold business was done at Rs. 114 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 76.

Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	171	4	0
Posh Delivery	172	2	0
Ready Gold	113	12	0
Posh Delivery	112	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 9

There was no forward business in the local market. Spot market remains steady with moderate buying by mills.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May delivery is 1361 cents points below New York May delivery.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

The local produce market was very steady today with further gains in groundnut prices. As pointed out before, professional bulls who have extensive long interest are bidding up prices. Even in oils of distant deliveries, they were reported best buyers. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	36	12	0
Bold Ready	35	14	0
Bold January	35	14	0
Bold December	35	14	0
Oil Bombay Mills	20	6	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	19	15	0
Oil December	19	14	0
Oil January	19	15	0
February	20	1	0
LINSEED—			
Indore	35	4	0
Bold	35	2	0
February-March	33	6	0
Small	34	4	0
Oil	20	12	0
CASTORSEED—			
January Delivery	24	10	0
Ready	24	12	0

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

120 Ready Japan	4	9	0
150 Ready Japan	4	5	0
120 Ready Italy	4	7	0
150 Ready Italy	4	4	0
150 D. Box Nov.	847	0	0
150 D. Box Dec.	851	0	0

November Highest Rs. 851; Lowest Rs. 840.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	9	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1975	96	0	0
3 per cent Con.	97	14	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	13	0
3 per cent 1952-55	102	0	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	6	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	10	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	8	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	2	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	9	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1.955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113	12	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec 9.

B. C. Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B C. Rate T. T. Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T T Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 8/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 156 1/2.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 238 1/2.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted, London-Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10 London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36, London Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32 1/2 15/16, London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 90.20 London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65, London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4 London New York Cross Rate $2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4-2/4 1/8 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.17-.50 London Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

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POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

The following is the statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 2nd December:

Demand Liabilities in India	Rs.
(i) Borrowings from banks	20,11,37,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	571,24,72,000
Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	1,27,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	267,25,83,000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	29,71,64,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,59,74,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	70,44,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	77,31,33,000
Advances in India	385,33,60,000
Bills discounted in India	14,29,65,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 8.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£70 3/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	£93 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	£107
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1, 1952	£92 1/2
Chartered Bank of India	£10 3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	£88 1/2
National Bank of India	£33

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,929.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

MILLS

Apollo 2-12 2-11-3.
B. Dyeing 1052-12 55 45 50.
C. India 247 45.
Century 241-4.
Colaba 118.
Elphinstone Pref. 105 5-10.
Gokak 259 60 58.
I. U. Defd. 1-13-3 1-13.
I. U. Ord. 11-12 11-11-6 11-13 11-12.
Indore 117-8 16-4 17-8.
Kohinor 286 87 85-8 87-4 85.
Laxmi 690.
Meyer 107-8.
Model 175 75-10.
Morarji 455.
New Great 150 54.
Podar 132-8 35 32-8.
Sassoon Cotton 16.
Simplex 185 86-8 85.
Shrinivas 160 62-8 60.
Svadeshi 271 71-8 69.
Tata Mills 50.
Vishnu 227-8.

STEAMER

B. Steam 215.
Scindia 13-14 14 13-12.

BANKS

Baroda 117 20 19-8.
Central 77-12 78-4.
I Central New 79.
Imperial Old 1740 38-12.
Imperial New 432-8.
India 167-8 68 67-8.
Union 7-1.
U. Commercial 44-12 45.

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 125
Andhra 1400 2-8 1400
Hydro 151-8
Hydro Pref. 127-8
Power 1472-8
New India 60 59-4 59-8

STEEL

B Steel 21-12 21-13 21-12 21-14 21-13
I Iron 29-15 30 29-14 30-2
Tata Defd 1460 75 67-8 75 62-8
Tata Ord. 302 5-8 4 5 3
Tata 2nd Pref. 137 35 35-8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 247-8
A.C.C. 145-12 46-8 45-12
Belapur 213-8 11-8 15-8 15
B. B Old 325 28-2 25
B. B. Petrol 1-5-3 1-4-9 1-5
B.I.C. 8-14 8-15 8-14
I. Bleaching 138 41
I. Copper 2-5-9 2-5-3
Kemp 365
Port Canning 60 (Ex Div)
P. Const. 88 86 87
Shivrajpur 34-8
Tata Chem. 12-8 12-10 12-8 12-9
Tata Pref 126-4
Tata Oil 49 50-8 49-12
Wimco 211-4 12-8

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 74-8 75 74
Svadeshi Coupon 66-8 65-8
Indian Mfg. 2910 20

WALL STREET MARKET

Hesitant Feeling And Prices Irregular

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

Although the undertone was firm the main body was cheked by a fair volume of profittaking and limited tax selling. Price changes either way were mostly fractional in featureless trade. The strength of utilities, however, continued to reflect attractiveness of yields and the pleasing earnings outlook. Electric energy last week stood at 5,743,000,000 kilowatt hours weekly since the all time peak in January last. United States steel was unchanged noting but unaffected by the quick oversubscription of special offerings of 50,000 shares. The averages were industrials 194.53 and rails 50.80. In the afternoon the market absorbed in a rather good fashion occasional bursts of pressure and succeeded in hovering around earlier levels. Chicago and North-Western common and preferred were off only fractionally in narrowly lower rails despite the failure again of the directors to take action this year after disbursing two dollars and five dollars respectively last year. Hesitancy was some what more in evidence latterly and the market closed irregular.

American Telephone and

Telegraph	148-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	32-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1/4
Chase National Bank	35
Firestone Tyre	52
General Electric	41-3/8
General Motors	69
Ingersoll Rand	68
International Nickel of Canada "A"	26-7/8
National City Bank of New York	43
New York Central Railroad	10-3/8
Sinclair Corporation	22-7/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/4
Texas Corporation	61-3/8
Union Carbide	44-1/8
U.S. Smelting and Refining	38-1/8
U.S. Steel Common	26-1/4
Western Union "A"	17-5/8

Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 1,720,000 shares.

Highest and lowest U.S. steel trading prices were 26-1/4 and 25-7/8 respectively.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Increased Selling On Large Bureau Figures

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

Following opening gains with old crop positions establishing new season's highs based on price fixing, loan and export and textile influences, prices sagged on prebureau selling. The market reopened with modest losses from the adjournment levels reflecting the large bureau crop estimate with selling pressure increasing as the crop figures circulated. In the afternoon following modest recoveries on scale down trade support and short covering prices again eased, closing barely steady on renewed selling based on large crop figures and possibly also in connection with the recent warnings of diminishing farm price support funds. The sales were approximately 225,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

December	30.22—17
March	30.21—13
May	30.11—12
July	29.59—12
October	28.09—10
Middling Spot	30.82—17

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	30.19—12
March	30.19—12
May	30.06—13
July	29.49—14
Middling Spot	29.80—10

New York cotton March Highest 30.43 at 10-28 Lowest 30.19 at 11-25 hours.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 8.

KARNAK:	
January	75.20+ 90
March	75.12+107
May	74.80+ 95
ASHMOUNI:	
December	75.50+185
February	74.63+193
April	73.40+220

U.S.A. COTTON CROP

The Crop Reporting Board of the U.S. Agriculture issued the final cotton crop estimation of Thursday.

Production	1,60,34,000 Bales
Yield per acre	285.8 lbs.
Ginnings	1,39,76,000 Bales
Area Harvested	2,68,98,000 Acres
Acreage abandoned	1.7 per cent.

Liquidation In Chicago Grains Market

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.

Prices declined under pressure of commission house liquidation and hedging against a disappointing commercial offtake evidently reflecting the slackening foreign demand and slow domestic flour. Some selling of wheat was based on yesterday's late decline in cash values at Mineapolis and Kansas City which tended to offset light arrivals at the terminal markets. December rye fluctuated widely as a result of flurries of short covering and liquidation.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	2.19
March	2.19
May	2.13-1/2
July	1.95-3/4

Trade And Finance

FALL OF Rs. 10 CRORES IN ADVANCES

Bullion Prices Show Tendency To Harden

SMART RISE IN SHARE VALUES

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.
(From Our Special Correspondent).

MONEY

Easy conditions continued to prevail in the short-term money market during the week under review. Call loans were quoted at 1/2 per cent. Three months' money stood at 3/4 to 1 per cent. and six months' between 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 per cent. An index to the easy money conditions is provided by the steady fall in scheduled Banks' advances in India which showed a reduction of over Rs. 10 crores during the month of November and a similar rise in their balances with the Reserve Bank of India during the same period. Against this week's invitation to tender for Rs. 1 crores worth of Treasury Bills, applications amounted to Rs. 1 crore, which were accepted at Rs. 0-8-0 per cent. per annum.

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 2nd December 1949 show a rise of Rs. 7.49 crores in the active note circulation due to beginning-of-the-month requirements, with a corresponding fall in the notes held in the Banking Department. Both Government as well as Bankers' Balances are down by Rs. 4.94 crores and Rs. 3.78 crores respectively. Balances held abroad are up by Rs. 3 crores, whereas Investments show a reduction of Rs. 2.97 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 2nd December 1949 reveals a decline of Rs. 1.49 crores in Deposits. Advances, on the other hand, are up by Rs. 3.15 crores, whilst Investments show a reduction of Rs. 5.24 crores. In the aggregate, the cash holding of the Bank has gone up only slightly by Rs. 44 lakhs.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market ruled steady during the early part of the week, but turned quieter at the close in sympathy with the fall in British Government Stocks in London. The volume of trading was moderate. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was quoted higher at Rs. 97-15. Among dated loans, 2-1/2 per cent. 1961 loan improved early in the week to Rs. 96-10, 2-3/4 per cent. 1960 loan to Rs. 99-10 and 2-3/4 per cent. 1962 loan to Rs. 99-2. 3 per cent. 1963/65 and 1966/68 loans both improved by an anna to Rs. 100-9 and Rs. 100-8 respectively on some enquiry. Other loans remained unchanged for want of enquiry.

EXCHANGE

The rupee/sterling exchange market ruled steady with very little business owing to reduced volume of imports. For inter-bank transactions, sellers of sport TT on London quoted 1s 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot	1s. 5-31/32d
Sellers of TT on London upto six months	1s. 5-15/16d
Buyers of TT on London & upto nine months	1s. 6-1/32d

GOLD

The gold section of the Bullion market remained quiet during the early stages owing to various rumours. Bidding for the Indian mine gold was not keen as buyers were satisfied apparently by smuggled gold supplies. Ready gold after fluctuating between Rs. 114 and Rs. 113-12 until mid-week, declined to Rs. 113-4 on Thursday. Towards the close, however, there was a minor spurt in the forward market and the ready rate also improved to Rs. 113-12. January settlement gold which was quoted at a discount of Rs. 1-11 at the start, stood about a rupee under spot at the close. The quotation for sovereigns remained practically unchanged at Rs. 76-4 throughout the week. Stocks of gold are reported to be about 50,000 tolas. Arrivals including Kolar gold are estimated to have averaged about 6,000 tolas a day, whilst the average daily offtake was said to be 4,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 114-1 and Rs. 113-4 for spot and Rs. 113-10 and Rs. 111-11 for forward.

SILVER

Silver prices also ruled quiet during the early part of the week as there was very little demand for ready and also because of the higher carry-over charges against longs. From Rs. 172-14 at the opening, the quotation for spot silver declined to Rs. 170-2 on Tuesday, but after the commencement of the new settlement on Wednesday, prices again recovered partially and the ready rate advanced to Rs. 172-10 at the close. January settlement was quoted at a premium of 12 to 8 annas over spot, but stood at level rates at the close on improved demand for .999 fine silver. Floating stocks of silver are put at 5,000 bars, while the offtake continues on a meagre scale, being only 50 bars per day on the average. In the overseas markets, both the New York and the London official silver quotations kept steady at 73-1/4 cents and 64d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 173-4 and Rs. 170-2 for spot and Rs. 172-12 and Rs. 170 for forward.

SHARES

Owing mainly to the continued bull grip, the share market maintained a steady undertone during the week, with price variations confined within narrow limits. At the close, however, there was renewed bull pressure owing to the fortnightly settlement and some last-minute bear-covering resulting in a smart rise in prices.

Tata Defds. moved up further to Rs. 1475 and Ordinaries to Rs. 305-8, closing at Rs. 1462-8 and Rs. 303 respectively. In the textile section, Bombay Dyeings once again caught the speculator's eye and on continuous support, the quotation for these shares forged ahead to Rs. 1070, closing lower at Rs 1050 on profit-taking. Nagpurs ruled firm throughout at Rs. 245, whilst both Kohinoors and Swadeshis received good support at Rs. 287-8 and Rs. 271 respectively. Hydro-electric and Bank shares ruled quietly steady; Andhra Valleys ruled steady around Rs. 1402-8 and Powers were maintained around Rs. 1472-8. Central Banks reported some business at Rs. 78-4, whilst Imperial Banks showed small fluctuations around Rs. 1738-12. In the miscellaneous section Belapurs were particularly strong, rising to Rs. 215 on continuous support, whilst New Indias also ruled strong at Rs. 59-8. Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 145-8 and Scindia Steams at Rs. 13-12.

CALCUTTA MARKETS

After a firm opening, the share market in Calcutta turned easier on profit-taking at the higher level. The volume of trading was reported to be fairly large.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 9

With strong inquiry the market was pushed up but with profit-taking at a nigher level it was subdued a little.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 270, highest 272/8, lowest 268/12.

Arvind opened 751, highest 762.

Ambica opened 341, highest 343/8.

Deferred opened 1465, highest 1474, lowest 1462.

Closing quotations: Calico 269. Arvind 759, Ambica 341, Ashok 313/8, Raipur 737/8, Bihari 172/8, Ahmedabad Cotton 307/8, Deferred 1464, Jupiter 265, Marsden 139, Monogram 134 Saraspur 555, Atul 35.

Payment rates: Calico 270, Arvind 760, Ambica 340, Jupiter 265, Marsden 140, Monogram 135, Saraspur 555, Deferred 1465.

BOMBAY DIAMOND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of our Association which met on the 6th December approved the last year's report and accounts unanimously and the following persons were elected as office-bearers for the coming year.

President:—Mr Amratlal Virchand Jasani.

Vice-President:—Mr. Ratilal Chhaganlal Kothari, J. P.

Hon. Secretaries:—Mr. Ramanlal Amratlal Shah and Mr. Lalubhai Amichand Shah.

Auditor:—Mr. Dalcharam Nanchand & Co.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

Black pepper remained steady but extremely inactive with spots offered at 135 cents per pound. Stocks of black pepper in licensed warehouses end of November were estimated at 4,860 bags compared with 4,864 end of October. Receipts during November amounted to 1,729 bags and withdrawals 1,733 bags. Following are today's prices: Spot 1.35 asked December 1.30 bid January 1.26 bid March 119 nom., May 1.16 bid July 1.16 bid, September 1.12 bid, October 1.10 bids, sales nil. White Spot 2.60 asked.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET IDLE

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Trading was idle with prices tending lower. Black lampong December shipment was available at 10sh 5

SUBURBAN FILM STUDIO ON FIRE

Three Lakhs' Damage

An infernal midnight blaze which started in a suburban film studio last night is said to have caused damage variously estimated between Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs.

The studio which is situated at Andheri and known as the M.N.T. Studio, it is learnt, had three stages all of which are reported to have been completely gutted.

It is learnt that the studio was being utilized for the production of a film by a well-known Producer-Director of Bombay's filmdom.

It could not be ascertained whether the fire originated in the celluloid storage on the premises. Slumbering Andheri was rudely awakened by detonating sounds and sky-high flares, which lent a lurid glow to the eerie nocturnal atmosphere.

Inquiries indicate that a film was being shot in the studio and on the stage which is now reduced to cinders at the time of the disaster. As everything was set and going smoothly a sudden electric spark is said to have emanated from a defective wire and fallen and ignited a curtain which ultimately enveloped the entire studio and destroyed the structure even before the fire brigade which rushed to the place from Bombay reached the spot.

It is stated that actors and actresses who were rigged up for their respective roles and directors and producers who were concerned in the shooting ran out for safety and escaped unscathed.

The blaze was extinguished after a two-hour herculean battle with the flames by the fire brigade men.

PATHAN STABBED WITH CLASP-KNIFE

Enmity Said To Be Cause Of Attack

BOMBAY, Friday.

Jalalkhan Shamshulkhan, a Pathan was stabbed near a restaurant at Tandal Street, Gamdevi, yesterday evening.

It is stated that one Rahimgul and six others approached Jalalkhan while he was having his meal at the restaurant and asked him to accompany them. Knowing that Rahimgul had not friendly feelings towards him, Jalalkhan tried to avoid him. However when Jalalkhan left the restaurant, Rahimgul and his accomplices are alleged to have set upon him and assaulted him with sticks. One of the assailants is stated to have stabbed Jalalkhan with a clasp-knife.

The assailants fled from the scene of the crime when they found that their victim had doubled up under the attack and lay prone on the footpath.

Jalalkhan was removed to the hospital where he is being treated for the injuries.

According to the police there was a long-standing enemity between the victim and Rahimgul, the former having filed a case in the Mazagon Police Court against him. Rahimgul was arrested along with three others on the strength of the complaint lodged with the police by Jalalkhan, and was released on bail.

Imprisoned For Illegal Entry

AMRITSAR, Dec. 9, (PTI): Two Pakistanis were imprisoned today for entering India without permit. They are Gulam Rasul a Muslim and Aroora, a Christian, who were sentenced by the local Magistrate to one year and six months simple imprisonment respectively.

COUNTER-BALANCE TO INDIA!

League Chief's Plea For 'Islamistan'

KARACHI, Dec. 9 (PTI)—Choudhuri Khaliquezzaman, President of the All-India Muslim League said here today that he wanted "Islamistan"—a close grouping of Muslim States—as a "counter-poise against the Indian Union".

"The British have successfully disturbed the balance between the two Dominions by dividing the Punjab and Bengal", he declared.

Choudhuri Khaliquzzaman stated: "Compared to the Indian Union territory, Pakistan looks too small" and therefore, he said he wanted "all Muslim countries from the Caspian Sea to the Arabian shores to join as a counter-balance to India."

Chaudhuri Khaliquzzaman who recently returned from a tour of the Middle East to canvas opinion for his idea of Islamistan, said leaders of Middle East countries had supported it.

The League President thought when different peoples in India could be moulded into one nation why all Muslims who had common culture could not be grouped into one nation.

He suggested that the Arab League should be extended to admit no-Arab Muslim countries for the "Islamistan movement."

He criticised Turkey's secular policy and said that though Turkey did not recognise religion there was quite a "great feeling" among the people there for Muslims in other countries.

Not A Shot Was Fired

SAIGON, Dec. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Communist guerillas without firing a shot have occupied Tong Hing facing the Indo-Chinese town of Moncay across the China frontier, according to reports reaching here.

The news has been received with complete calm by French authorities here.

As the Chinese Communists approached the frontier town it was anticipated here that a "mere change of flags" would mark the event—and this expectation was fulfilled.

The guerillas entered the town peaceably after negotiations with the Nationalist militiamen there.

RANGOON, Dec. 9, (UPI): The Burmese Government, it is reported, will decide the question of recognition of the new regime in China before the end of this year.

NEED TO CONTROL YARN PRICES

Supply Of Cotton To Mills At Ceiling Prices

Seth Ramdeo A. Podar, Chairman of the Bombay Yarn Exchange Limited delivered at the Twelfth Annual General Meeting held on Thursday the following speech:—

In the economic field, the most important thing that has happened is the revaluation of rupee in relation to dollar. After the devaluation of pound sterling, our country was left no choice but to follow suit. The devaluation, no doubt, has brought in its wake, innumerable problems such as shortage of dollars, inflation, etc. But to overcome all these, it should be our bounden duty to support our Government who in turn should cut down our national expenditure as much as possible. Our Government is, no doubt, doing its best and has taken a number of measures in this connection. Let us hope that all these measures will tend to reduce the expenditure to the minimum. It is also a happy sign that there has been a good response to the appeal made recently by our Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, at the conference of Industrialists in Delhi, exhorting them to increase production to the maximum extent.

REASONABLE PRICE

The duty of the traders and manufacturers should be to see that we supply requirements to the consumers at reasonable prices. At the same time it is the duty of the labour as well as agriculturists, who form 85 per cent of the population of our country, to contribute to the national wealth by stopping the cry for higher wages and higher price for agricultural produce. They have before them the lead given by 8 million trade unionists in U. K. who have volutarily agreed to support their national Government by agreeing to keep back their demand for higher wages until 1951.

DISTRIBUTION OF YARN

Coming to the yarn trade, since we met last, Government persisted in their measures of control of yarn and cloth with the result that stocks of yarn began to accumulate. Finding difficulty in disposing of stocks, Government, ignoring the normal trade channels entrusted to the co-operative societies the task of helping them to clear the yarn stocks. But the societies proved unequal to this task, as they lacked both experience in this line and the necessary finance. This led the Government to review the position and announce in quick succession, a number of changes altering some of their previous decisions. All these measures proved abortive and only created more confusion. Finding the situation getting worse, the Government proposed to make a restricted use of the old and established trade channels, for the distribution of yarn and the traders have been helpful in easing the situation to a certain extent.

However that is not enough and I would request the Government to keep control on prices and hoarding of stocks making distribution free. Besides if normal trade channel is followed, it will stimulate the exports which in turn will help to liquidate the accumulated stocks. This would also solve to certain extent the problem of unemployment which is looming large at present. Let me also emphasise here that when the Government is following the policy of slowly reducing the price of cloth and yarn, it is equally the responsibility of the Government to see that the cills are provided with sufficient quantity of cotton at the present ceiling prices. Unless this is done, it is not possible for the mills to fall in line with the Government's policy of gradual reduction of prices and thus come to the aid of our country in this hour of economic crisis when all-out efforts are made to bring down the cost of living by scaling down prices of every essential commodity.

RECAPTURE MARKETS

I may also mention here that just as we are finding a good demand for our cotton piece-goods in foreign markets specially Far and Middle East, it will not be difficult to find market for our yarn since the pre-war sources of supply viz: Japan and China cannot under the present circumstances cater for these markets. It is therefore a golden opportunity for us to recapture these markets.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Firm Tone

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI): The market continued its firm note round the speculative counters. Jute and coal shares, on the other hand, were slightly easier but the volume of business round all sections was fair and satisfactory.

Following are today's final transactions upto 1-45 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent loan 1986 97/14 small lot; 3 per cent 1957 101/11; 3 per cent loan 1959/61 101/5/6; 3 per cent loan 1970/75 100 small lot.

BANKS: Hindustan Commercial 21/4; Imperial Bank fully paid 1720 small lot ct; Punjab National 26/8 ct.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/10; New Victoria pref 3/12 odd lot.

COALS: Bengal 51; Burrakur 12/11; Central India 5; Equitable 45/4; Pench Valley 21/4.

JUTES: Anglo-India 206; Auckland 123; Barnagore 221; Howrah 28; Kankinarrah 163; National 24; India 149; Megna 130; Nuddea 71/8; Reliance 22/8.

ENGINEERINGS: Indian Iron 29/3 ex div; Kumardhubi 8/1; Marshalls 6/7; Steel Corp 21/14 Steel Corp pref 121 ct.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp 2/9; Alkali and Chemical 9/12; Calcutta Electric 16; BIC 8/14; Calcutta Investment 7 ct; F and C Osler 5/13; Jardine Henderson 141; Martin Burn 14/10 small odd lot; Midnapore Zemindary 63; India General Navigation 95/8; India Steamship 7/13.

SUGARS. Buland 13/8; Carew and Co 9/8; Gwalior 50/12.

TEAS: Banarhat 278 small lots; Hansqua 16/2; Huldibari 22/8; Jutlibari 11/8; Kaliti 3/2; Namburnadi Tezpore 21/4.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 9.

Cotton Sind NT 76, Punjab 289-F 80, Four F 75. Tone easy owing less demand and larger arrivals.

Yesterday's business 1800, Arrivals 4000. Exports 550 bales for Chittagong.

Cottonseeds NT ready 6-3, January 5-14. Steadier on better enquiry.

Gold Tejabi 97-8, Sovereigns 64. Easy.

STOCK EXCHANGE: State Bank 101-8, Habib Bank 185-8, Karachi Electric 124, Hyderabad Electric 76, Valika Textiles 80. Quiet.

Indore Share Market

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE CITY, Dec. 9.

Today's closing Quotations on Indore Stock Exchange were as follows:—

Indore-Malwa 123, Hukamchand Mill 575, Bhandari Mill 680, Vinod Mill 360, Kalyanmal Mill 83, Kalyanmal Pref. 92, Rajkumar Mill 130, Indore Bank 60.

DELAY IN FORMATION OF ANDHRA PROVINCE

Failure To Fix A Time Limit

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, (By Mail.)

RECENT developments in the formation of an Andhra Province, the constitution of a partition Council, and the report of the Madras Government on the subject have caught public attention in Madras during the past week.

No time-limit has been fixed for the Madras Government making their report to the Centre and on this there has been some amount of controversy, because the absence of a time-limit means that the committee can go on with its work, if it likes, indefinitely, thus delaying the process of separation. It is not that actually there is any such danger, but at the same time, that it was not an empty apprehension is clear from the statement of the Minister for Information, Mr. Bhektavatsalan, that it was the Madras Government's considered view that the work cannot be completed before the 1st of April, and that, as such, there can be no possibility of separation being effected under the procedure prescribed in Section 290 of the Government of India Act before January 26 next. If that is so, it can be constituted only under the procedure prescribed under the new Constitution by a separate measure of legislation. He has also stated that as it is the view of the Government of Madras that the partition council's work cannot be completed before April, there will be a composite budget for the whole province for 1950-51 as at present, a separate budget for the new province being prepared only when it is formally separated. It was mentioned in this connection by Mr. Kala Venkatrao that there are some advantages from the point of view of accounting if the new province comes into existence on April 1st.

MADRAS AS HEAD-QUARTERS

There should obviously be no great difficulty about retaining the headquarters of the new province-not its capital—in Madras until a suitable place is selected whereto the headquarters could be shifted later on. The Tamil representatives are not likely to object if the position if put that way, and as there is no disposition on the part of the Andhra representatives to claim Madras as capital of the new province in any case and as all that they want is only that they should have the head-quarters of the province in the city for the interim period, this issue should be susceptible of being satisfactorily settled.

The other question that is likely to cause some difficulty is the settlement of the border line between the Tamil and Andhra provinces and the settlement of the future of the six Karnatak taluks in Bellary district. This question also can be settled amicably, provided no undue claims are put forward by either party and provided there is agreement about giving up certain villages in the border area by either side. The Government of India, if they want, can appoint a boundary commission to decide the issues regarding the boundaries, but it may not be necessary for any such commission to be appointed if there is mutual agreement. Even if a commission is appointed, for which the Madras Government's resolution has provided, it can set its seal of approval on the agreement arrived at between the two sides so far as the boundaries between the Andhra and the residuary Madras province are concerned, and thus facilitate the partition.

On other matters like the Governor, the Public Services Commission and the High Court, opinion is largely in favour of the view that for the present there can be a common Governor for the two provinces and a common Public Services Commission, while the High Court can be easily partitioned, so that the Andhra section of the present High Court Judges can form the Andhra High Court with some additions if necessary while the remaining judges can form the High Court for the residuary province. On the division of assets and liabilities, a tentative agreement has to be arrived at pending a final settlement on the question.

All these issues are no doubt important ones, but there is not one of them on which there need be a deadlock if there is a spirit of adjustment on both sides. The question however is if these various issues can be decided before January 26, 1950, so as to facilitate the creation of the new province at the same time as the new Constitution is inaugurated, or will their consideration be prolonged beyond that date, so that it can be brought into existence only by April 1st. Much will depend on the work of the Partition Committee.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter)—Profittaking in British Government Stocks by bears gave the Giltedged section firmness today. Gains up to half a percent were fairly widespread and the section ended the week on cheerful note.

Success of the Government at the north country by election was received quietly and had little effect on prices in any section. Industrials were the for most of the day and alterations in values were small and scarce.

There was some activity and dullness in foreign rails. Brazilian issues were marked lower on delay in the ratification of the takeover of the Great Western Company.

Foreign bonds were less active than of late and showed fractional losses in Japanese issues. Germans were quietly steady.

Rubber shares were again firm but support was less vigorous than on recent days. Oils and coppers were quietly maintained.

Dividend announcements in South African Minings showed payments in accordance with expectations. An easier tone in Kaffirs was the result of idleness and lack of interest rather than selling.

Licence Applicants, Note

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (P T I): A Commerce Ministry press note today referring to yesterday's announcement regarding postponement from December 10 to December 15 of the last date for receipt of import licence applications for certain articles for which only "OGL fifteen concession licences" were previously issued said that in the case of ordinary applications, the last date for their receipt namely December 10, 1949 remains unchanged.

KARNATAK CONGRESS CHIEF FOR DELHI

Summoned By High Command

It was learnt in Bombay today that Mr. Najlingappa, the President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee, who has been summoned to Delhi, by the Congress High Command, will fly to Delhi shortly, breaking his journey for a few hours at Bombay. His meeting with the members of the High Command, is expected to be decisive and take the Karnatak Province agitation which led to recent resignations a step further.

Mr. T. R. Nesvi, Vice-President of the K.P.C.C., and an M.L.A., of the Bombay Assembly, said in an interview today that he had learnt that the Congress High Command felt that so long as the Maharaja of Mysore continued as the head of the Mysore State, there could be no unification of Karnatak with Mysore as a part of it. It is on account of this, that at the recent meeting at Hubli, his organisation had passed a resolution asking the Maharaja of Mysore to abdicate.

He said that, the view of the High Command appeared to be that it was improper that any Indian Union Karnatak territory should go under the Maharaja of Mysore, even though he remained as the Constitutional Ruler. The present resolution had been passed with a view to satisfying the High Command in this respect.

The Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress was meeting on 15th instant, and it was expected that a resolution which was tabled to be moved there asking the Maharaja to abdicate, would get the support of the majority of the 15 members of the Working Committee. This resolution would have the effect of nullifying the resolution of the Mysore State Congress which asked for merging Mysore in United Karnataka, at the same time suggesting the desirability of retaining the Maharaja of Mysore as the Constitutional Head of the new Province.

Mr. Nesvi told reporters that there was a lot of loose talk on the agitation for Karnatak, but a thorough study of the whole question would resolve all doubts in favour of the formation of a separate Karnatak Province.

It was learnt today that Mr M. P. Patil, who sent his resignation to the Congress Parliamentary Board recently, has written a special covering letter, in which he has stressed the urgencies implicit in the situation.

It is learnt that he has stated therein that if the Kanadigas were not staunch nationalists, they could have got a separate Province many years ago, during the days of the Simon Commission. The Dhar Commission had also specially mentioned in their report that Kerala and Karnataka were the biggest sufferers due to non-unification. They hoped that in the advent of freedom, the Unification of Karnatak would be immediately undertaken. The people of the Province, were also blaming the representatives for not being as firm as the Andhras and hence there was no alternative but to take the step that was taken.

FLEXIBLE BOUNDARY OF BENGAL

Pakistan's Stand

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9 (PTI)—Before the Indo-Pakistan Boundary Tribunal today, Mr. W.W. Page, Counsel for Pakistan, resumed arguments in favour of a flexible boundary between the Indian District of Murshidabad and the Pakistani District of Rajshahi.

Lord Justice Bagge, Chairman of the Tribunal, asked Mr. Page that if his contention of flexibility of the boundary along midstream of the River Ganges was correct then how could be provide a continuous line to connect up the boundary from below the fixed point on the Char Land between the two districts to the offtake of the River Mathabhanga if the Ganges abandoned its present main stream and took a different course.

Mr. Page observed that in Sir Cyril's Award provision was made as far as he could see for following the international principle in normal condition, but for a violent change in the course of the river evidently no provision was actually contemplated.

The Tribunal will meet again on December 12.

Tito Was Under British Influence

SOFIA, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter)—British officers "had the run" of Marshal Tito's wartime headquarters in Macedonia, a defendant today told the Sofia court trying ex-Prime Minister Traicho Kostov and 10 other Bulgarians for treason and working as British or allied agents.

The defendant, Blagoj Hadjipanzov, former counsellor at Yogoslavia's Sofia location, said Tito and his wartime leaders in Macedonia had been "entirely under the influence of British and American missions".

Hadjipanzov also reported seeing at Tito's headquarters on the British-occupied Adriatic island of Vis 24 British Spitfire planes which had been given to the Marshal as a present.

INDIA-AMERICA CONFERENCE

Dr. Mookerjee To Inaugurate

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI).—The Industries Minister, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, will inaugurate here on Monday the eleven-day India-America Conference which is being held to promote "mutual understanding and research" on problems of common interest to the two countries.

The Conference will be presided over by Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, President of the Indian Council of World Affairs, who will also act as the Leader of the Indian Delegation.

The Conference is being held under the joint auspices of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations and the Indian Council of World Affairs.

28 EXPERTS

The American Delegation, which will be led by the Chancellor of the Washington University, Professor Arthur H. Compton, will consist of 28 experts representing America's political, cultural and economic walks of life.

Other American delegates include Mr. C. W. Darden, President of the University of Virginia, Mr. V. M. Hancher, President of the Iowa State University, Mr. D. W. Malott, Chancellor of the University of Kansas and Mr. Herbert Elliston, Editor of the "Washington Post."

The Delegation which will consist of 38 members, include Professor P. Adarkar, Mr. Amarnath Jha, Lady Rama Rau, Dr. Gian Chand, Mr. N. M. Joshi, Mr. P. S. Lokanathan, Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar and Mr. C. R. Srinivasan.

The Conference will be marked by three round table group discussions, each to be followed by a "report session". The first round table group will deal with political and diplomatic relations between India and the United States. The second and the third groups will deal respectively with the economic and cultural relations between the two countries.

SITES FOR COMPOST PITS

BOMBAY, Friday: It has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bombay that villagers are experiencing difficulties in getting suitable lands for digging compost pits in connection wih the Village Compost Scheme.

Instructions have, therefore, been issued to the Collectors of districts to assign Government waste lands for digging compost pits and wheever necessary to treat this use as public purpose and give it priority next only to house sites.

Where no Government waste land is available, private lands, preferably uncultivated lands, will be requisitioned for the purpose under the Bombay Land Requisition Act, 1948, and steps will be taken simultaneously for the acquisition of the lands under the Land Acquisition Act so that they are secured urgently and permanently.

FALL OF CZECH COMMUNIST

Neglect Of Bolshevik Vigilace

PRAGUE, Dec. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Czechoslovak Communists today announced the fall of Vilem Novy, Editor of their own party newspaper "Rude Pravo", for "gross neglect of Bolshevik vigilance"

In reporting the dismissal, "Rude Pravo" also published a renewed warning that next year the mass membership of the party would be given "a new and still more profound screening".

Novy, a member of the Party's Central Committee, had been superseded earlier as Chairman of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Dutch Second Chamber Passes Indonesia Bill

RED MENACE UNITES ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES

THE HAGUE, December 8 (PTI-Reuter): The Dutch Second Chamber tonight passed the bill to transfer sovereignty to Indonesia by 71 votes to 29. The Bill received the necessary two-thirds majority.

The full membership of 100 members was present when the vote was cast. The majority necessary under the constitution to pass the Bill was 67 votes in favour.

The Catholic, Labour, and Freedom and Democracy parties voted in favour of the measure. Anti-Revolutionaries, Communists, and Catholic Independents voted against. The Christian Historicals were split with four in favour and five against.

The result was in doubt when the Chamber adjourned earlier in the evening for members to consider the replies of the five Cabinet Ministers.

It was clarified somewhat when the party leaders spoke again after the session was resumed and when the Christian Historical and the Freedom and Democracy Party spokesmen announced they would vote in favour. It was clear that the Government would obtain the necessary support.

Earlier in the debate the Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, Mr. Johannes Van Maarseveen, had told the House that it was "wiser to come to terms with nationalism in South East Asia than to drive nationalism into the arms of communism".

FOREIGN INFLUENCES

Foreign Minister Dr. Stikker said "foreign influences" had exerted pressure on the Government on Indonesian policy, such as the Australian waterside workers boycott on shipping, the threatened cutting off Marshall aid to Holland, and the Indian and Pakistan ban on Royal Dutch airlines (KLM) planes.

War Minister W. F. Echokking said the Surabaya naval base had been financed with Netherlands-Indonesian money and it had to be transferred to the United States of Indonesia.

After resumption of the debate Professor C. P. M. Romme said those voting in favour of the Bill should do so to prevent disastrous conditions in Indonesia and to save the only possibility for co-operation between the Netherlands and Indonesia.

Leader of the Anti-Revolutionary Party Mr. Van Schouten said he supported the transfer of sovereignty if certain conditions were fulfilled. He did not think they had been fulfilled.

The Christian Historical Party leader said his followers realised chaos would follow rejection of the Bill, while Mr. P. J. Cud, leader of the Freedom and Democracy Party thought rejection would have more serious results than acceptance.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

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sake of perpetuating the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and served this unfortunate situation of going back on its own decision to contribute to a national fund, by not deciding to make that contribution on the first instance.

A STADIUM PLAN

There is yet another proposal before the Schools Committee for constructing a Stadium in the open Maidan opposite the office of the Schools Committee at Lamington Road. The Stadium that will contain 3000 to 3500 seats will cost a sum of a million rupees. There will be shops on the road side and godowns on the two sides and these it is said will bring regular income to the Municipality. The Stadium also will be let out to sporting associations and that also will fetch some income. When the matter came up before the Schools Committee the Socialist members Messrs. M. Harris and M. V. Donde vehemently opposed it. Their opposition was not to a Stadium but they doubted the wisdom of sinking a million rupees on a small stadium in the place that has been selected for it. They also doubted the wisdom of spending such huge amounts at a time when even the Government of India was giving up almost every major construction activity because they wanted to avoid all expenditure on non-productive schemes.

Mr. Donde pleaded for spending the amount and to utilise the material for it, if both these were available, on putting up a few school buildings. The primary need if the city according to him was good school buildings and they must have top priority. Mr. Harris considered school buildings and houses for the poor must have the first priority and said that if neglecting these the Municipality used its recourses for Stadia and Swimming Pools the resentment among the half a million pavement dwellers in the city would mount up. The consideration of the Idea was postponed at the instance of Congress members of the Committee.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Closes Steady

MADRAS, Dec. 9 (PTI): The local market continued firm with some of popular textiles looking ahead with buyers for Buckingham Cambodias etc. Bank shares turned brighter today with sellers for Indian banks and Travancore bank. In Planting section there were buyers for Peermade at Rs. 47 and Highlands Produce at Rs. 20/4.

The market closed steady.

The following are today's quotations in Madras Market:—

SECURITIES: 3 per cent Paper 97/10; 3 per cent 1986 97/14; 3 per cent 1953/55 102; 3 per cent 1966/68 100/6; Government of Travancore 3 per cent 1952/54 100/12; Government of Madras 3 per cent 1956 100/8; 3 per cent 1960 100/2.

BANKS: Travancore Banks 23/6.

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan 15; Deccan 37/4; Mysore 20 per cent cd 41.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 4/10; Cochin Malabar 4/5; Devashola 13/8; Nelliampathy 1/2; Ouchterlony 5/13; Pullangode 1/2; Thirumbadi 1/12; T R and T Co. 5/8; Vaikundam 5/7.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 148; Buckingham pref 189; Cambodia 10/8; Coimbatore CM 122; Lakshmi 60; Madura 37/12; Mettur 312; Radhakrishna 148; Rajalakshmi 61; Rangavilas 47/8; Trav Rayons 4/5; Trichinopoly 9/13.

MISCELLANEOUS: F A C T 4/9/6.

FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Nehru To Lead Indian Delegation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9, (PTI): The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru who will lead the Indian Delegation to the Colombo Foreign Ministers' Conference in January will be accompanied by Mr. S. Dutt, Additional Secretary Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. K. G. Ambegaokar, Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Economic Affairs) and Mr. Keith C. Roy, Deputy Secretary Ministry of Finance.

Mr. V. V. Giri, Indian High Commissioner in Ceylon will also join the Delegation as a member.

Mr. Bahadur Singh, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs will act as Secretary to the Delegation.

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A Mediator For Kashmir

UNCIP'S REPORT ON DISPUTE

LAKE SUCCESS, December 9 (PTI-Reuter): THE United Nations Kashmir Commision is expected to propose to the Security Council next week that a Mediator be appointed in the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

Extracts of the Commission's report arrived here today, but were kept secret.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, appointed Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir, stated that he had seen the gist of the report, but was not prepared to comment.

From other sources, it is understood that the report will contain an account of the Commission's failure to bring the two parties together on the question of a truce.

APPOINT NIMITZ

It will then probably propose that some prominent man be appointed mediator—the inference being that this should be Admiral Nimitz.

The Security Council, which meets on December 17, to discuss the question again, will have to decide whether the dispute can still be settled by mediation or whether further action should be taken.

In Security Council circles, it is thought that the next step should be arbitration, as provided for in Article 33 of the Charter.

COMPROMISE?

As the Indian Government has already stated that it is opposed to arbitration, it is thought likely that a compromise acceptable to India may be worked out.

This would, according to sources here be "limited arbitration" by Admiral Chester Nimitz, after the Security Council had defined the points subject to arbitration. It is believed that India would be prepared to discuss such a clearly defined task.

INDIAN BURLAP FOR U. S.

Twenty-five Million Yards This Month

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (P T I-Reuter): The Government of India and the Indian Jute Mills Association have agreed to supply 25,000,000 yards of forty inch, ten ounce, burlap to American buyers this month, according to information received here from the American Consul General in Calcutta.

Reporting this today, the United States Department of Commerce said that shipment of this material should prevent a shortage of burlap and burlap bags in this country.

The burlap shipments from India to the United States planned for December would be made possible by increased production through longer working hours in the industry and the diversion of stocks normally sent to other markets, an official of the Department said.

Because of currency devaluation in India, imposition of India trade controls on burlap, and a barter arrangement with Argentina involving burlap, American supplies of this material were seriously threatened. Resumption of normal trade in burlap imports to this country, however, was now expected, official said.

PEPSU Cuts Salaries

PATIALA, Dec. 9 (PTI): The Rajpramukh of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union has ordered an emergency cut of Rs 250 in the pay of the officers of the Union receiving Rs. 3,000 or more per month, in conformity with the action taken by the Central Government to meet the existing financial stringency, it was announced today.

RIVAL LEADERS COME TO TERMS

Hyderabad Congress Dispute Settled

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (UPI): Sardar Patel's lead which has been accepted unreservedly by the leaders of two rival groups of Congressmen in the Hyderabad State has at last solved the long standing dispute about the Congress set up there.

U.P.I. reliably learns that after having long discussions relating to the Hyderabad State Congress organisation, here yesterday, with the Hyderabad Congress leaders, Swami Ramanand Tirth, Mr. Ramkrishna Rao, Mr. Digambar Rao Bindu and Mr. Ramachar, Sardar Patel asked both Swamiji and Mr. Ramakrishna Rao to withdraw from the presidential contest and allow Mr. Digambar Rao Bindu to be elected President of the Hyderabad Congress unanimously and thereby close the Congress rank.

This advice of Sardar Patel, it is reported was accepted by the leaders of both groups in the presence of Sardar Patel.

The Hyderabad Congress leaders left for Hyderabad this morning by air.

SECUNDERABAD: Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, and other State Congress leaders returned here this afternoon from Delhi.

Snowfall In Simla

SIMLA, Dec. 9. (PTI): Simla had its first snowfall on the season today. Jakoo, the highest peak of Simla is under a blanket of about three inches deep snow. A heavy snowfall has been reported from Indo-Tibet border. The temperature today dropped two degrees below freezing point.

All Of Us Are Soldiers

NEHRU'S CALL FOR ENDEAVOUR

FARRUKHABAD (U. P.), Dec 9 (P T I).

Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrived here this morning to attend the 34th session of the U. P. Political Conference. A large crowd consisting of Premier Pant, Ministers of U. P. Government and prominent Congressmen of the Province gave him a warm welcome as he alighted from the train at 9/15 A.M.

At the Parade Grounds Pandit Nehru inspected a guard of honour provided by the training battalion of the Rajput Regimental Centre.

Addressing the troops, Pandit Nehru called upon the armed forces to play their vital role in building up a strong and democratic State in India. In the past India had a strong and efficient army but the high wall created by the alien domination separated it from the people. That was inevitable under the foreign rule. But now such barriers should go.

Pandit Nehru said that the well-being of any section of the people depended on the extent to which the whole country advanced. This emphasised the need for co-operation among all in the mighty endeavour to raise the country. "In a sense all of us are soldiers whether in the armed forces or outside and it is our duty to serve the nation. We must therefore understand each other and with discipline and persistence make a united effort to raise this nation".

Pakistan Plane Crashes

KARACHI, Dec. 9 (UPI): A Royal Pakistan Air Force pilot met his death when a R.P.A.F. "Auster" aircraft crashed near Multan, on Tuesday, the Pakistan Defence Ministry announced here yesterday.

A court of enquiry is now meeting in Multan to investigate into the cause of the crash.

SOLVING ENCLAVES PROBLEM

Hyderabad Official For Bombay

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 9 (UPI): Mr. M. Sheshadri, Revenue Minister Hyderabad Government, left this morning for Bombay, where the talks to finalise the future of Hyderabad enclaves in Bombay Province and those of Bombay in Hyderabad State are taking place, he will be back here on December 12.

Shirley Temple Was Nearly Driven To Suicide

ONE-TIME child star Shirley Temple told a Hollywood divorce court that her marriage to John Agar reached a point one night when "I jumped in my car.....I was going to drive over a cliff or something". She explained how the marriage began to break up five months after her marriage in 1945.

She said that her husband began by not coming home until eight o'clock—then ten—then two and three o'clock in the morning and that when she was expecting her baby, he brought a girl into the bedroom at 1-30 a.m. and said "Let's all go to a party." She also said that once he left a dinner party saying "I've got to see my girl", and at a dinner party later he danced half a dance with her and said "Oh, you're too short" and then he danced all night with another girl and kissed her on the dance floor.

Shirley was given a divorce decree and awarded the custody of her 21 months' old daughter Linda Susan. The Judge also restored her maiden name of Shirley Temple.

Photo shows: Two views of Shirley Temple (top) with her dolls on arrival in Washington on a visit in 1938—and (bottom) with her husband John Agar and baby Linda Susan in 1948.

As I Like It

WESTERN MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

By Ranjee Shahani

BRITAIN, while holding India in fee, never interfered with her religions. She let them flourish as best they could. We all know that, and we also know that Christianity was never rammed down our throats. It was presented to us for acceptance or rejection. No compulsion of any kind. Yet, odd to say, with an exception here and there, Western missionaries never succeeded in becoming popular with us. Why was this so?

The blame cannot be put on the teachings of Jesus. These are respected by most of us. It is part of our nature to welcome truth, no matter who offers it. The Christian Gospels, apart from parts here and there, seem to us full of the same divine rays that illumine our own masterpieces. The inner concord between us and Christism is almost complete. Why, then, are the missionaries, as a class, even today, in such disfavour with us?

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A witty member of the British Parliament is reported to have said: "For God's sake, don't touch the Church of England; it is the only thing that stands between us and Christianity." Most educated Indians will echo these words. Let us be frank. The carriers of the religion of Jesus have been lacking in insight. First, they have failed to understand the wisdom of India. Secondly, it is doubtful whether, in many cases, they themselves have comprehended the real nature of their own creed.

The real nature of Christianity! Although I have given many years to a study of this subject, I cannot pretend to speak of it with any authority; but I may say what part of official Christianity can never appeal to us.

The Sonship of Jesus, the doctrine of the Trinity—that God is One and Three at the same time, not a tri-theism like the Hindu Trimurti—the story of a God born of a virgin to redeem the human race, the idea that many are called but few are chosen, the notion that man is inherently evil—such are some of the vital beliefs of Christian orthodoxy. These incomprehensible things must be believed, or we would be damned. Further, we are asked to trust in the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures, even though we know them to be full of gaps and contradictions and meaningless myths; and, if we happen to be Romanists, in the infallibility of the Pope (when he speaks ex cathedra)

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Cultivated Indians, who are extremely wise in matters of the spirit cannot accept these legendary accretions for living verities. Still, a good many Christians accept them. "He who begins by loving Christianity better than truth," said Coleridge, "will proceed by loving his own sect or church better than Christianity, and end by loving himself better than all." This is exactly what has happened to Christian missionaries.

Christianity must be presented differently. It is, in essence, 'Imitatio Christi'—the imitation of Christ—the "path" of Jesus. This path consists in an infinite compassion for all sentient life. This is very like the "way" of the Buddha. It is not a question of copying, but of parallel illumination. Jesus, like the Buddha, came to see that life was a growth—a becoming—a road to the Better. But to live truly, both said, one must first learn to die. Unless the self is washed clean, the beatific vision is not possible.

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Orthodox Christianity, with its frills or meaningless embroidery, is quite another matter. A great deal that goes by the name of Christianity, I say, would, in all probability, have been repudiated by Jesus himself.

But the more we become free spirits the deeper is our homage to original Buddhism, essential Hinduism, and Christism—which are, in many ways, identical.

How many missionaries, it may well be asked, have grasped this? Not many, I am afraid. Among those that have—the list can be added to from personal experience—we may mention Tyndale-Biscoe, C. F. Andrews, Verrier Elwin, and Paul Richards (a Frenchman). All these men, and some others whom I don't know but who certainly exist, have been true servants of Christ. Such missionaries are always wanted.

But it is a layman who has perhaps done most to reconcile Christians and the members of other great religions. I am referring to the late Sir Francis Younghusband. He was a true Christian—no doubt about that; yet he was a lover of Oriental spirituality. Here I speak from personal knowledge. I knew Sir Francis fairly well. Again and again he told me that the Spirit was one; there were only various paths up Its holy hill. So long as men lived a spiritual life, whatever their creed, 'they were fellow-pilgrims of Eternity. Few Indians will disagree with this. But Sir Francis has said something that is worth meditating on. In his unpublished diaries, he has remarked (I am obliged to Lady Madeline Lees for the quotation): "The British Empire contains more Mohammedans than Christians, and nearly three times as many Hindus, besides millions of Buddhists and followers of many different faiths. The policy of Government has been to adopt a perfectly impartial and neutral attitude towards these religions. And this, with other considerations, has given rise to the idea that the British are anti-religious or attach no value to religion. It is of profound importance that this idea should be dispelled. The neutrality of Government should be preserved. But, as a nation, we should make and prove ourselves to be the most religious people in the world. Only then can our influence be of the best."

These are, I think, very wise words; and, if I may say so, not difficult of fulfilment; for, curious as it may seem, the English are a profoundly moral and religious people.

So are we Indians. Don't you think so?

MR. MCGHEE ON VISIT TO INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (PTI): United States Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. George C. McGhee will arrive in New Delhi on December 11 on a short visit to India. Mr. McGhee is in charge of the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern South Asian and African Affairs.

Mr. McGhee formerly was Co-ordinator for American Aid to Greece and Turkey and also was a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

NO REASON TO WITHHOLD INDIA'S JUTE

Pakistan Board Agreeable To Issue Permits

DACCA, Dec. 9, (PTI-Reuter).

THE PAKISTAN Jute Board stated here yesterday that if it was satisfied that the Indian buyer had purchased jute in East Bengal before devaluation of the Indian currency, and it was yet to be delivered, there was no reason why it would not me released.

The Jute Board, presided over by Mr. G. M. Faruque, was giving a press conference—the second to be held since its establishment. The Board stated that the Secretary of the Indian Jute Mills' Association had approached the Board and claimed that Indian buyers had sent applications to the Board to get delivery of jute bought by them before the devaluation of the Indian rupee. The Jute Board had informed the Secretary that so far it had received no application, and the Board will be quite willing to consider such applications.

PRICES STABILISE

It was stated at the press conference that jute prices had stabilised further during the past fortnight and the average price for the province was Rs. 1-8 above the minimum fixed by Government. Pucca baling capacity at Narayanguni had been increased by about 200 per cent of what it was two months ago and four of the presses obtained from the United States which had arrived at Chittagong would be set up in different parts of the Province immediately.

France had already bought 30,000 to 40,000 bales against the quota of 80,000 tons under the Franco-Pakistan Agreement.

The Pakistan National Bank had already advanced about rupees one crore and a half to the trade.

JUTE TO INDIA

KARACHI: Pakistan has exported over 17 lakh bales of jute to India from July to October 1949, under the current mutual exchange of essential commodities agreement it was stated here today.

The total cost of these exports is well over Rs. 20 crores.

During the month of October when a trade deadlock arose between the two countries Pakistan exported over five lakh bales of jute to India costing about Rs. 6 crores.

Matter Under Negotiation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (PTI).

The action of the Pakistan Government in holding up nearly 500,000 bales of raw jute already laid on barages and bound for India was raised by Mr. H. V. Kamath in the Dominion Parliament in the shape of an adjournment motion of which he had given notice of.

The Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy, explained that the matter was under negotiation at the present moment, and he would be prepared to answer a short notice question at a later stage, if it was put by the Member.

The motion was not pressed by Mr. Kamath in view of the assurance.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT DERAILMENT

Fishplates Near Salem Unbolted

SALEM, Dec. 9. (PTI): Nuts and bolts were removed from fishplates on the rail line between Mecheri road and Tholasampatti, 18 miles from here, a railway gangman reported last night. They were replaced late last night. Police are patrolling the area.

This is the second incident of its kind in Salem area in less than five days, the first resulting in the derailment of some goods wagons near Dodampatti on the night of Dec. 5.

GENERAL ELECTION IN '50 OR '51

Electoral Rolls Completed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9. (PTI): The general elections under the new constitution will be held in 1950 or 1951.

This was announced in Parliament today by Mr. Satyanarain Sinha. Minister of State, on behalf of Law Minister Dr. Ambedkar in reply to Mr. H. V. Kamath. Mr. Sinha traced the progress that had been reported by various provinces and states in respect of the preparation of the electoral rolls and said that in East Punjab the rolls had already been printed while in Madras, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Coorg, they were under print.

In Bombay, the United Provinces, Central Provinces and Berar, Assam, Madhya Bharat, Rajasthan, Ajmer-Merwara, Panth Piploda, Himachal Pradesh and Tripura, the manuscript rolls were complete. Good progress in the preparation of manuscript rolls had also been reported by the Governments of Saurashtra, Patiala and East Punjab States Union, Delhi, Bhopal and Cooch-Behar. Electoral rolls prepared on the basis of adult franchise for elections to the Constituent Assembly or the State Legislature as the case might be already existed in Mysore, Travancore-Cochin and the Rewa state (in Vindhya Pradesh) and were being revised with a view to their adoption for elections under the new constitution. The preparation of the electoral rolls had just been taken up in convenanting states, other than Rewa, of Vindhya Pradesh and the Chief commissioners Provinces of Balaspur, Kutch and Manipur. The question of preparation of electoral rolls had not yet been taken up with Hyderabad but there again, electoral rolls prepared on the basis of adult suffrage in connection with their elections to the Constituent Assembly of Hyderabad existed. There would be no difficulty in revising them for the purpose of elections under the new constitution.

The Government of Kashmir did not appear to have taken any action so far. The question was being taken up with that Government.

Mr. Brajeshwar Prasad: May I know why elections on the basis of the old franchise are contemplated in West Bengal when new electoral rolls are ready?

No answer was given.

HOUSING LABOUR

Ministers To Confer In Mysore

NAGPUR, Dec. 9. (PTI): The question of housing will be one of the main items on the agenda of the two-day Labour Ministers' Conference at Mysore on December 26 and 27, it is reliably learnt here.

While the one-million houses' plan has been shelved under the economy drive, it is understood that the possibility of carrying out limited schemes of housing with the aid of funds raised by way of cess etc., would be considered.

Two other important items on the agenda are the application of the Minimum Wages Act of 1948 to industrial workers from March next and the progress of the agricultural labour enquiry.

Jeep Overturns: 2 Killed

BAHAWALPUR, Dec. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Two men were killed instantaneously and three injured here yesterday when a jeep with five "shikaris" overturned, while chasing a deer.

YUGOSLAVS ASK FOR ALLIED HELP

Arrested By Soviet Police In Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (PTI-Reuter): The leader of eight Yugoslavs under "house arrest" in the Soviet sector of Berlin today telephoned British headquarters appealing for Allied intervention.

The eight men, members of the Yugoslav Military Mission living in the Soviet sector, had been blockaded in their houses since last night by Soviet-controlled German Peoples Police.

The British, French and American authorities this morning discussed the problem.

A British spokesman said: The acting head of the Mission, Lieut-Colonel S. Sibonovic, appealed by telephone from his blockaded house to Colonel A. P. Hodges, British head of the Allied Liaison and Protocol Section of the Allied Control Authority. He asked for Allied intervention since the Mission is accredited to the Allied Control Authority".

MUTT AND JEFF—Body By Fisher—Bud That Is

By BUD FISHER

MUTT, DONT GO UP THAT HILL WITH THIS OLD JALOPY!
DONT WORRY! THIS LITTLE BUS WILL MAKE IT EASY!
GOSH THIS IS A STEEP HILL!
WE'LL MAKE IT!
GIVE 'ER THE GAS MUTT!
IM GIVIN HER ALL SHE'S GOT! IT'S A TOUGH STRUGGLE!
AH, WE MADE IT! THAT WAS A STIFF PULL!
SURE WAS-
-AND ITS A GOOD THING I KEPT MY FOOT ON THE BRAKES! WE MIGHT'VE ROLLED BACKWARDS!
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